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PLO must be included in peace talks

## Arafat 'ready to recognise' Israel

NEW YORK, March 6. (Agencies): Palestine Liberation Organisation leader Yasser Arafat said yesterday he could accept UN resolutions on implicit recognition of Israel but said the PLO must be included in Middle East peace talks.

Asked in a US television interview at his Tunis headquarters whether the PLO would unequivocally recognise Israel's right to exist, Arafat said "definitely."

He said he could accept United Nations resolutions 242 and 338 which call for the return of the occupied territories in exchange for implicit Arab recognition of Israel's right to exist within secure borders.

### Accept

"I am accepting all the United Nations resolutions, including 242 and 338," said Arafat, who has previously spoken of accepting the resolutions but has not elaborated on such acceptance.

Arafat added that the PLO would accept a move to place the West Bank and Gaza, occupied by Israel since the 1967 Arab-Israel war, under UN supervision while Israel and Arab nations negotiate on a permanent settlement of the issue.

"We can accept easily the United Nations auspices for a short period of time as a transitional period. We can understand the need of the Israelis and the American administration for this transitional period," he said.

Arafat said in the CBS news interview that no Middle East peace solution could be achieved without PLO participation and that US and PLO officials must meet directly, which is currently



Arafat

against US policy. US Secretary of State George Shultz has just completed a 10-day mission to the region to promote an American peace plan and met with leaders of several Arab nations.

### Deal

"He has to deal with the leadership of the PLO," Arafat said, adding there would be "no solutions -- no settlements" without such a meeting.

The Shultz plan falls well short of Palestinian demands for an independent state and a purported text published in the Israeli newspaper, *Yedioth Aharonot* made no mention of the PLO.

"The following is the text of the letter, signed by Shultz, according to the *Yedioth Aharonot*:

"The agreed objective is a comprehensive peace providing for the security of all the states in the region and for the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

"Negotiations will start on an early date certain between Israel and each of its neighbours which

is willing to do so. These negotiations could begin by May 1, 1988. Each of these negotiations will be based on United Nations Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, in all their parts. The parties to each bilateral negotiation will determine the procedure and agenda of their negotiation. All participants in the negotiations must state their willingness to negotiate with one another.

### Concerns

"As concerns negotiations between the Israeli delegation and Jordanian-Palestinian delegation, negotiations will begin on arrangements for a transitional period, with the objective of completing them within six months. Seven months after transitional negotiations begin, final status negotiations will begin, with the objective of completing them within one year. These negotiations will be based on all the provisions and principles of United Nations Security Council resolution 242.

"Final status talks will start before the transitional period begins. The transitional period will begin three months after the conclusion of the transitional agreement and will last for three years. The United States will participate in both negotiations and will promote their rapid conclusion. In particular, the United States will submit a draft agreement for the parties' consideration at the outset of the negotiations on transitional arrangements.

"Two weeks before the opening of negotiations, an international conference will be held.

The secretary-general of the United Nations will be asked to issue invitations to the parties involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict and the five permanent

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## Two more Palestinians killed

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, March 6. (Agencies): Israeli troops shot dead two Palestinian teenagers in the occupied West Bank today, hospital officials said.

Palestinians said soldiers shot dead Khaled Al-Ardah, 17, when they fired live ammunition after rubber bullets and tear gas failed to disperse protesters at Askar refugee camp.

A spokeswoman at Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital said Al-Ardah died after being shot in the head.

In Mazra Al-Sharqiyeh village, near Ramallah, troops shot 18-year-old Ayman Salim Ajak, who died later in hospital, Palestinian and hospital sources said.

### Injured

They said another Palestinian was injured by Army gunfire during violent protests in the village.

The killings raised the unofficial death toll to at least 86 Palestinians since the start of an anti-Israeli uprising 12 weeks ago in the West Bank and occupied Gaza Strip.

At a military court in Jaffa, an Army captain and two soldiers were charged with brutality for beating two handcuffed Palestinians. They were arrested last month after a US television crew filmed them kicking their prisoners and pounding them with rocks.

The film, seen by television viewers worldwide, prompted fresh criticism of Israel's handling of the uprising. Military sources said two other soldiers were released pending disciplinary hearings.

### Scattered

Palestinian and hospital sources reported other injuries in scattered unrest. Nablus hospital staff in the West Bank said two teenagers from nearby Balata camp were treated for fractures caused by club-wielding soldiers.

Troops fired at Palestinian demonstrators in the occupied Gaza Strip wounding at least three people, Palestinian sources said.

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## Man holds family hostage

A MAN held his 15-member family hostage, while firing at random and seriously injuring one of his neighbours. The man had fired at his colleagues at his place of employment on Saturday morning, but no injuries were reported, to that incident.

A Kuwait Interior Ministry source said that Farraj Nasser Farraj, a Kuwaiti, fled from his work on Saturday after firing at colleagues and went to his home in the Firdous area where he then held his family hostage.

Security forces, rushing to the scene, attempted to persuade him to surrender. Efforts continued throughout the night, but Farraj refused to give up and fired at random.

The source said Farraj had not presented any demands nor explained the reason for his behaviour. Security forces have his house surrounded and are attempting to deal quietly with Farraj in order not to risk the lives of the children and other family members.

Farraj continues to refuse to negotiate with the security forces or to speak to anyone.

## Bangladesh censors polls report

DHAKA, March 6. (Reuters): The Bangladesh government blanked out today a foreign newspaper's account of general elections held here last week.

A senior government official said a three-paragraph news agency report appearing in the International Herald Tribune had been blacked out on orders of the Home Ministry.

Each copy of yesterday's edition, which arrived in Bangladesh a day late, had the page two item scored out in black ink. Some text was still legible, however.

### Marked

Parliamentary elections last Thursday, which the ruling Jatiya Party won by an overwhelming majority, were marked by widespread allegations of voting rigging and violence.

Jatiya Party has won more than three-fourths of the seats in parliamentary elections marred by bloodshed and charges of vote rigging.

Results from 279 constituencies gave Jatiya 238 seats, the Election Commission said today.

After the polls closed, Home Minister Abdur Rabb said a news conference that Bangladeshi reporters were free to write about what they had seen as long as they were objective.

But journalists, claiming their papers had received closure threats, went on strike on Friday in protest against what they said were curbs on reporting election violence.



(Reuter wirephoto)

## Pakistan delays decision on Afghan peace accord

ISLAMABAD, March 6. (Reuters): Pakistan sent its delegation to Geneva today to resume talks on the Afghan conflict but withheld a decision on signing a proposed peace accord.

But Abdul Sattar, Secretary of Foreign Ministry hinted today that Pakistan might sign an accord with Afghanistan on a Soviet troop withdrawal before the establishment of an interim government in Kabul.

Sattar, in an interview given to London weekend television said this was not a shift in Pakistan's policy after a first round of UN-mediated talks in Geneva aimed at ending the nine-year Afghan conflict.

### Offered

The (Geneva) dialogue is continuing and the decision has to be made, ruling Pakistan Muslim League Party Secretary General Iqbal Ahmad Khan told reporters.

Moscow has offered to withdraw its estimated 115,000 Soviet troops from Afghanistan within nine months if the settlement is signed by March 15.

Most of the 19 party leaders invited to the conference advised the government to delay signing. The conference statement said Junejo assured them their views would be carefully considered and vetted before his government took a "final decision on this very vital national issue."

The strongest plea for an early

### Briefing

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Zain Noorani left for Geneva via Moscow after briefing the conference about the talks, where he leads the Pakistani delegation.

Before leaving, he parried reporters who asked whether he would meet any Soviet official on the way. "I am going to Geneva, that's all," he said.

He also declined to speak to reporters about the latest position of Pakistan, which wants a

settlement came from main opposition figure Benazir Bhutto, who said withdrawal of Soviet troops was the first priority.

Bhutto, whose Pakistan People's Party is the main force in the nine-party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD), said it was not for outsiders to decide the nature or complexion of an Afghan government.

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Nearly complete agreement has already been reached at the six-year-old Geneva talks through UN mediator Diego Cordovez.

Afghan Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil said to Geneva on Thursday: "From our side the agreement could be considered final."

Pakistan plays host to about three million Afghans refugees and most of the Western-backed guerrilla groups fighting the Kabul government.

An alliance of six main Pakistani-based guerrilla parties have rejected Kabul's invitation to join a coalition with President Najibullah's ruling People's Democratic Party.

The strongest plea for an early

they are expected to be held before May 10, when federal rule in the state expires.

It was the second move in three days that appeared to be aimed at placating the militants.

On Friday, Rajiv's government released five Sikh high priests from jail, including one who had been detained since 1984.

The government on Friday also freed 40 Sikh militants.

## UK team arrives

A British parliamentary delegation arrived in Kuwait last night on an official visit in the context of a fact-finding Gulf tour.

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Falak: 65 percent

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Kuwait: 55 percent

Ahmed: 70 percent

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## Khomeini backs Rafsanjani

LONDON, March 6. (Kuna): Ayatollah Khomeini has secretly approved Hashemi Rafsanjani, the Speaker of the Iranian Parliament as the country's next President, according to a report.

The decision, taken largely at the behest of Khomeini's son, Ahmed, puts Rafsanjani in a leading position to replace the

nation's religious leader when he dies, the Observer newspaper said.

Rafsanjani has already approached Khomeini directly to secure his approval.

However, the Observer believed that relations between the West and Iran could improve as a result.

The Iraqi war communiqué said large numbers of Iraqi planes bombed military

targets in the Iranian towns of Basra, the central border town of Kahrizan and several other border towns, causing extensive damage and human losses. He did not give the number of casualties.

## INTERNATIONAL

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**I will return to Egypt for trial: Nasser's son**

CAIRO, March 6. (Reuter): The son of the late Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser said in remarks published today he would return from self-exile to face trial for attacks on Israeli and US officials.

"My decision to return is final. It is not reasonable for me to spend the rest of my life away from Egypt," Khaled Abdel Nasser, 38, was quoted as saying in an interview with Cairo's Sawt Al Arab weekly.

**Advised**

Nasser, now in Belgrade, said Egyptian lawyers had advised him to delay his return until hearings started.

No date has been set for the start of the trial. Prosecutors are seeking death sentences for Nasser and 10 others accused of responsibility for killing two Israeli diplomats, wounding another and trying to kill two US embassy security officials since May 1984.

In another interview with a Kuwaiti newspaper, Nasser said he considered the charges against him an honour.

"I don't find any real charge able to discredit me or any of the accused... all of the charges against me or others, if they are correct, are an honour to any sincere Egyptian," he said.

Nasser, accused of criminal complicity and financing a group called "Egypt's Revolution", dismissed suggestions that attacks by the clandestine group could be dubbed terrorist.

**Terrorism**

"I am against terrorism because the bullet of terrorism have no targets," he told Sawt Al Arab in his first interview published in Egypt.

He said he had rejected offers of sanctuary by several Arab leaders, including Libya's Muammar Khaddafi.

"I have not, and will never, seek political asylum. My only sanctuary is Egypt," he said.

His father, who led the 1952 revolution which toppled Egypt's monarchy and ruled until he died in 1970, was revered throughout the Arab world as a nationalist leader.

Responding to press reports that he had been advised by officials to leave Egypt before investigations began last September, Khaled said his departure for medical treatment had been scheduled much earlier.

**Confirm**

Nasser, who taught engineering at Cairo University, said he could not confirm reports in the Cairo press that the United States was pressing Yugoslavia to hand him over to Egypt.

He said he was not seeking power or leadership and had no hard feelings against the Egyptian government.

"Leadership is not a property to inherit, sell or buy. I have not, for one moment, had any illusions about deserving leadership."

**Day-long protests against arrest of monk****Three killed in Tibet riot**

PEKING, March 6. (Reuter): At least three people were killed yesterday during day-long protests in Lhasa against the arrest of a monk who shouted a pro-independence slogan, Western sources in the Tibetan capital said.

The death toll may be as high as nine, according to the sources who spoke from the Chinese-ruled region today before telephone lines were cut.

**Hurled**

The demonstrations erupted after the monk's arrest in mid-morning and thousands of Tibetans attacked cars and threw stones at buildings. Police responded with tear gas during daylight but after dark gunfire was heard, the sources said.

The official China News Service said Buddhist monks

hurled stone slabs from a monastery roof to smash vans from Tibet's television station, whose crews were filming the final ceremonies of the region's biggest Buddhist festival.

The agency, which made no mention of deaths, said smoke billowed from the square in central Lhasa and a photograph published in Hong Kong newspapers today showed helmeted firemen apparently fighting the fire.

At least six people were killed in Tibet last October in protests against rule by Beijing, which sent in troops in 1950 and ended government by a theocratic Buddhist elite.

The sources said Lhasa was calm today and that a plane due to leave for Beijing this morning was still in Lhasa.

Officials at Beijing airport said

the plane was delayed due to bad weather in Chengdu, capital of Sichuan province, where it stops en route to Beijing. Residents of Chengdu said the weather there was normal.

Telephone operators in Beijing said this afternoon the lines to Lhasa from Beijing were bad.

"They are not working. It is hard to say when they will be working. It could be several days," one said.

Peking's main official news agency, the New China News Agency, reported yesterday that "a number of agitators, against the wishes of the local residents and lamas (monks), shouted reactionary slogans and attacked a police station and the office of the Tibetan branch of the Buddhist association beating up police and destroying vehicles."

The People's Daily today

carried a brief account of the latest unrest on its back page, saying the situation was soon brought under control.

It said more than 20,000 people took part in the final ceremonies of the Buddhist festival, which proceeded as planned yesterday afternoon.

In New Delhi, the Tibetan Youth Congress issued a statement today saying that "the demonstration was inevitable" in Lhasa because of continuing Chinese repression of the Tibetans.

The group called on the United Nations to send a fact-finding mission to Lhasa and for world support for Tibetan independence. The Youth Congress is affiliated with the Dalai Lama, the Tibetans spiritual leader who has lived in exile in India since 1959.

**Aquino plans Saudi trip to gain Islamic support**

MANILA, March 6. (Reuter): Philippine President Corazon Aquino is reportedly planning a mid-year visit to Saudi Arabia to woo support from the Islamic world for her government, which is facing threats of a renewed Muslim separatist war.

The respected Manila Chronicle newspaper quoted the Philippine Ambassador to Washington, Emmanuel Pila, today as saying Aquino might visit Jeddah after addressing an International Labour Organisation meeting in Geneva in June.

Pila was Aquino's chief negotiator in autonomy talks with Muslim separatists until he was named Washington envoy late last year. He has remained her close adviser on Muslim affairs.

**Moves**

President's Press Secretary Teodoro Benigno said today he could not confirm or deny the report.

The report followed moves by the Moro National Liberation Front to gain membership of the 46-nation Organisation of Islamic Conference to strengthen its campaign for a separate Muslim homeland in the southern Philippine island of Mindanao.

Relief spokesmen have said Saudi Arabia backed the front's bid for OIC membership, which would give it the status of a virtual government in exile.

Manila says it is confident the OIC will reject the rebels' bid when it meets in Jordan later this month. But it has also expressed fears that OIC approval might

rekindle a dormant 15-year-old secessionist war that killed more than 50,000 people in the 1970s.

In the Philippines' other war, troops today launched air and ground operations against communist rebels who kidnapped seven troops in the northern province of Ilocos Norte.

**Abducted**

Army reports said the guerrillas abducted four soldiers from a passenger bus on Friday and took three others hostage in an attack on a jeep-load of troopers sent to pursue them.

Three soldiers were killed in a mistaken encounter with another military unit in Cagayan province, also in the North, on Friday, the Philippine news agency reported. It said the two units thought the other was a rebel group.

Japanese Red Army extremists have entered the Philippines and armed communists rebels to carry out assassinations and sabotage, Manila's immigration chief says.

**Syndicate**

Immigration Commissioner Miriam Defensor Santiago said members of the Red Army and Boryukyu-Dan, a Japanese criminal syndicate, entered through Cebu airport posing as tourists or businessmen.

Santiago's disclosure, in a speech to a civic group on Friday, was published in the Philippine Starweek newspaper today.

Aquino, in a taped speech broadcast today, said she fully supported a government campaign to arrest and deport foreigners involved in illegal activities.

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members of the United Nations Security Council. All participants in the conference must accept United Nations Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, and renounce violence and terrorism. The parties to each bilateral negotiations may refer reports on the status of their negotiations to the conference, in a manner to be agreed. The conference will not be able to impose solutions or veto agreements reached.

"Palestinian representation will be within the Jordanian-Palestinian delegation. The Palestinian issue will be addressed in the negotiations between the Jordanian-Palestinian and Israeli delegations. Negotiations between the Israeli delegation and the Jordanian-Palestinian delegation will proceed independently of any other negotiations. This statement of understandings is an integral whole."

Israel's divided cabinet clashed today over whether to respond to the US peace initiative ahead of a trip to Washington by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir later this month.

Israeli news reports said the proposals, submitted by Shultz to the right-wing Shamir and his Labour Party rival, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, called for a unified Israeli response soon.

**Two more Palestinians killed**

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Troops clashed with demonstrators throughout the strip and in Gaza city to Shifa Hospital searching for a man who threw a stone at an Army jeep near the hospital grounds, the sources said.

An eyewitness said soldiers arrested two visitors to the hospital and a patient with a broken hand.

An off-duty Arab policeman in the strip was wounded by a rubber bullet when troops chased demonstrators in Beit Hanoun, the sources said.

**Wounded**

Security sources said three people in the West Bank village of Samo were wounded in the legs when an Army officer fired at a crowd throwing bottles and iron rods at soldiers.

Near the usually quiet town of Jericho, attackers buried a petrol bomb at a parked Israeli vehicle. The car was destroyed but no one was injured, the sources said.

Israel's Itim news agency said police arrested 10 Israeli Arabs from the cities of Umm El Fahm and Nazareth and the village of Jatt on suspicion they threw petrol bombs at Israeli vehicles and raised PLO flags.

In northern Israel yesterday, Soviet-designed Katyusha rockets fired from southern Lebanon slammed into a house, wounding five people.

Senior Army officers said the rockets were fired by the PLO to encourage the uprising.

In Washington, the Arab League said that Henry Kissinger should apologise to Palestinians for his comments recommending that Israel pull down demonstrations in the occupied territories by whatever force is needed.

**American helicopters in Gulf fired on**

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gunships operating from shipboard or offshore barges.

The Navy did not say who had fired on the helicopters, but there appeared no doubt it was Iran which controls many of the oil platforms dotting the central Gulf and uses some as supply and staging bases for the armed boats that patrol the waters and attack neutral shipping.

"The crew observed heavy machinegun fire... directed to the helicopters," said McTigue. "The fire from the platform was joined by fire from several unlighted boats in the area."

He said the helicopter crews may have not known they were being fired on until tracer bullets started lighting up the sky. They did not retaliate but were more concerned with escaping. They were in a position where they had fire coming from several directions at once," he said.

**New AIDS drug**

CAIRO, March 6. (Reuter): Zaire's leading expert on AIDS has said a drug jointly developed with an Egyptian surgeon has proved 80 per cent successful after a 10-month trial in treatment of the fatal disease.



Supporters of Bush cheer their candidate (not pictured) during the South Carolina primary campaign. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Vice-President gets a boost before Super Tuesday****Bush wins in South Carolina**

COLUMBIA, S.C., March 6. (Reuter): Campaign strategists for Vice-President George Bush said today his decisive triumph in the South Carolina primary is a sign of things to come in the March 8 "Super Tuesday" voting.

"South Carolina is the gateway to Super Tuesday. This is just what we needed," Bush campaign manager Lee Atwater told reporters after the Vice-President crushed Senate minority leader Robert Dole and former evangelist Pat Robertson.

Bush won 48 per cent of the votes in the hotly-contested race, compared to 21 per cent for Dole and 19 per cent for Robertson.

New York congressman Jack Kemp, who seems to be on the verge of quitting the race, had 12 per cent.

**Convention**

Robertson, a native southerner who once vowed to win the contest in "my backyard," told supporters he would do better on Super Tuesday.

"I'm extremely optimistic," Robertson told disappointed supporters. "It looks pretty good in the rest of the south."

Robertson had hoped to pick up mainstream conservatives in addition to his core supporters among evangelical Christians.

But television polls showed the former preacher was badly hurt by a series of controversial statements including an unsubstantiated claim that the Soviet Union had placed nuclear missiles in Cuba.

In addition, NBC said Robertson won only 30 per cent of the voters who identified themselves as "born again" Christians.

The South Carolina voting

was a Republican-only affair and party members turned out in record numbers. About 200,000 votes were cast, easily surpassing the previous high of 145,000 in the 1980 Republican primary.

Wyoming held the only Democratic voting yesterday and Tennessee Senator Albert Gore eked out a narrow 28-to-27 per cent win over Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis for the state's 18 national convention delegates.

Missouri congressman Richard Gephardt had 23 per cent.

Dukakis and civil rights activist Jesse Jackson are expected to win the biggest number of Democratic delegates on Super Tuesday. Gephardt, who won early tests in Iowa and South Dakota, and Gore are expected to battle for third place.

Polls show Dukakis leading in Florida and Texas, which by themselves account for nearly a quarter of the delegates available on Tuesday. Dukakis is expected to win in his home state of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Washington.

Jackson is counting on the solid support of his fellow blacks, who account for about one-third of the Democratic voters in the south, to give him victories in several states.

**Exercises**

STANLEY, Falkland Islands, March 6. (AP): Overriding Latin American protests, British troops head to the Falkland Islands for exercises beginning tomorrow to test the country's ability to reinforce the South Atlantic archipelago.

A dispute over the Falkland Islands sparked the 1982 war between Britain and Argentina.

**Pakistani air chief**

ISLAMABAD, March 6. (AP): The Pakistan government promoted Air Vice-Marshal Hakimullah to Air Marshal yesterday and named him Chief of the Air Staff.

A Defence Ministry announcement said Hakimullah, 53, would take over on Tuesday from 54-year-old Air Chief Marshal Jamal Ahmad Khan, who is retiring at the end of the customary three-year tenure of office.

**Dany Chamoun to run for presidency**

BEIRUT, March 6. (Xinhua): Christian National-Liberation Party chairman Dany Chamoun, who has declared his candidature for the presidency, if elected will give top priority to normalise Lebanon-Syrian relations.

At a party meeting held in Ashrafieh, East Beirut, Dany Chamoun, son of late ex-President Camille Chamoun, officially declared his programme.

Chamoun, in his fifties, who is considered to be an acceptable candidate by all concerned including Syria, said in his programme that he strongly urges for an end to the civil war through direct talks with rival factions.

Under the 45-year-old constitution, Lebanon's president should always be a Christian Maronite. The Muslim leaders strongly demand for an equal share of power by reducing the president's power and an immediate political reform to abolish the confessional system.

**Cash shortage**

PANAMA CITY, March 6. (AP): A cash shortage sparked by a US-backed campaign to oust Panama's military leader brought sales to a standstill during the weekend with one shop-owner declaring, "we can't go on like this." Virtually the only enterprises doing business yesterday were food markets and those selling other essentials, such as fuel.

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## Cabinet briefed on Mubarak's message of his US visit

UNDER the chairmanship of acting Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed of the Council of Ministers yesterday held a regular meeting.

Following the meeting Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Al Rashed Al Rashed stated that the conferees were briefed, after ratifying minutes of the previous meeting, on the message received by HH the Amir from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak which dealt with the outcome of Mubarak's tour to the US and Europe.

### \$5m aid

The council took note of a verbal message sent to the Amir by Egyptian President within the framework of consultations and means of further boosting Arab solidarity. Al Rashed said.

The ministers were also briefed on messages exchanged by the

Amir and PLO chief Yasser Arafat which tackled the situation in the occupied territories and assessment of the organisation in regard to Kuwait's firm uprisings and the Palestinian people, he added.

The council, in accordance to the Amir's directions, decided to extend the sum of \$5 million in form of aid, to assist charitable societies and hospitals in the occupied Arab lands, the minister added.

### Contacts

The cabinet was briefed on a message received by the Amir from the Bangladeshi President Hussein Mohammed Ershad which dealt with means of enhancing Islamic cooperation and bilateral relations between the two countries.

Following the briefings, the

council discussed political issues including developments on the international and Arab arenas, Al Rashed said, adding that outcome of efforts and contacts within the framework of Kuwaiti drive, aimed at putting an end to the Iraq-Iran war, were subjects of discussion.

The conferees took note of latest efforts seeking the most possible backing for the ongoing popular uprising and drives seeking implementation of international resolutions regarding Israeli withdrawal from Arab territories and granting the Palestinian people the right for self-determination under leadership of the PLO.

The council discussed a number of domestic matters and adopted necessary recommendations and decisions. Al Rashed said.

## Government spends KD9.5m on subsidy

ABDULLAH Al Mulla, the director of Kuwait's Consumer Protection Department at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, said his department organises the purchasing and pricing of basic commodities subsidised by the government at cooperative societies.

He said the government spent about KD9.5 million on subsidised goods such as children's milk and food, grains, flour, shortening and construction materials such as steel and cement.

### Fined

Subsidised items include those distributed to ration card holders, he said, adding that the department had issued 24,255 cards for consumers last year. He said these cards serve 206,905 persons of which 70,000 are Kuwaitis. About KD121,000 was collected for ration cards, he added.

He added that the department fined 820 shops last year for failure to fix price labels on commodities and 1,415 violations were cited against shops for

## Reorganisation of land transportation

SOURCES at Kuwait's Communications Ministry said that 17.3 per cent of [the total] number of telex messages sent last year were to the United Kingdom.

The sources added that direct telex service during the past year had been expanded to include Hong Kong and Thailand.

The estimated load of local telex lines is 78.8 messages and 1,019 minutes each year, sources said, and the international telex line capacity is estimated at 4,500 messages and 12.3 thousand minutes.

The sources explained that the current economic situation in Kuwait limited the demand for the telex service.

## Sheikh Sabah sends message to Alawi

MUSCAT, March 6. (Kuna): State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Oman, Yousef Al Alawi, received a message today from his Kuwaiti counterpart Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

Radio Muscat reported that the message was delivered by the Omani Minister by Kuwaiti ambassador here Abdul wahab Al Adasi.

Al Alawi also received another message from his Democratic Yemeni counterpart Abdul Aziz Al Dati, according to the radio.

The broadcast did not provide any details on the content of the messages.

## Charity house capital KD12m

THE Sabah Charity House, a charity organisation to aid families of Kuwaiti martyrs killed in the defence of their country, has been ordered established by an Amiri Decree.

The charity, with a capital of KD12 million of which KD6 million was donated by Sheikh Salem Al Ali, will operate with a board under the chairmanship of HH the Amir and with HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Abdullah as deputy chairman.

The exact activities in which the charity will engage will be determined by the board of trustees.

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## INDIAN VIDEO ROUNDUP

## Now come the clones

By Fathima Ahmed

IF there was a "That's Incredible" of Hindi films, Prasan Kapoor's *Tamasha* would deserve the dubious honour of getting a mention on the show. *If not for the fights in the sky*, then, certainly for notoriety using plastic surgery to multiply criminals.

Twins are out of fashion in films (population of twins has outgrown the unimaginative ideas generated by script writers). The screenplay by K.P. Pathak introduces cloning. Clones come in bunches of five. As if one Vikram (Rajnikant) was not enough to take on the CBI officer Ravi (Jumping Jack Jeetendra). Supermen heroes don't need any help in films, at least, that's what we've come to believe from films we've been watching.

*Tamasha* deems it necessary to produce five Vikram clones, who pop out of a van in apparently baffled viewers and to take on the lone CBI officer, Ravi.

"Which one of you is the real Vikram or I'll shoot down each one of you," roars Ravi, pointing his toy gun at the formidable enemies. Ravi can't kill any of them "because he promised the dying Gantam (Vikram's baby brother) he would spare Vikram's life." Vikram contracts his facial muscles and smirks as Ravi looks astounded.

There is a multi-star with such names as Jeetendra, Rajnikant, Bhanupriya, Amrita Singh, Kimi Katkar and newcomer Sumeet Saigal. On centre stage are Rajnikant and Jeetendra. The others are "extras".

Kimi Katkar is a beautiful prop who pops her eyes and claps her hand in cheerful glee when her father approves of her beau, played by Sumeet Saigal. Amrita's job as Mary is to shed tears before the Virgin Mary, aided by gallons of glycerine, light candles and hope for the best while her love, Vikram,

crusades around town with a pretty Bhanupriya in tow. When that fails the level-headed Vikram "marries the woman who loves him" — another example of male vanity. Bhanupriya is disillusioned for the dream dance sequences with Jeetendra (after all, Jeetendra must dance to the director's tune, and as he plays a CBI officer, he can't dance during working hours).

The script falls back on clichés to keep the momentum of the personal — familiar — vendetta going, whether it is in court or on the street or in

cranes above skyscrapers. If it were not for plastic surgeon Mehta's handiwork, we might have just missed the point. Rajnikant, with his quaint mannerisms was never impressive in his earlier ventures. In *Tamasha* he stands out as an acceptable performer who does justice in the role of anti-hero Vikram.

**Interesting**

*Kharidar* features Shekhar Suman, Diljit Kaur and Sarika. The blue-eyed Sarika never made it big on screen. Off-screen she made headlines first by living with Kamal Hassan and then marrying him. Sarika was a talented actress who was

never allowed to show her capability. Producers and directors tried to take advantage of Sarika's statuesque beauty.

In *Kharidar*, she gets a chance to show her talent for drama, aided by a script that spotlights her character. A rehash of the so-called women-oriented films *Kharidar* is about Chanda, a prostitute who gets a taste of respectability after agreeing to spend a weekend in an expensive hotel with a client, played by Shekhar Suman.

The theme handles the tenuous man-woman relationship, emphasising the stilted view that "fallen women" are mere chattels. *Kharidar*'s script resorts to subtlety melodrama like the touching relationship of Chanda and Kumar, a cancer victim, to transform the fiery prostitute into a woman of substance.

Both principal performers — Sarika and Shekhar Suman have done justice to their roles. Shekhar plays the client whose lust has driven him crazy. He lusts after every curvy woman, including Chanda. "I am paying for your favours and I want you to act accordingly," he tells Chanda when she starts falling out of line. When Chanda returns his gifts and moehe, he is shocked. Subtle touches of drama makes it interesting viewing.

The above films are available at Athari Video, Main St., Farwaniya. Tel: 471-2900.



Bhanupriya and Jeetendra in a dream dance sequence



Tamasha's star line-up: Kimi, Sumeet, Bhanupriya, Jeetendra, Amrita and Rajnikant.

## Kuwait hosts theatre contest

KUWAIT will host the first GCC Theatrical Contest. It will be held here at the end of March.

Kuwait's entry at the drama contest will be Arthur Miller's play, *The Price*. Rehearsals are underway for the play, adapted by Abdul Aziz Al Sayyed and directed by Fuad Al Shanti.

Five GCC members will take part in the theatre contest, which will be hosted by Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and the UAE. Saudi Arabia has not yet announced the title of its entry. Oman will take part in seminars and lectures.

The aim of the competition is to honour leading Arab playwrights, actors and directors.



Wenzinger cuts the ribbon to open the non-smoking floor at the hotel.

## WHAT'S ON

## THEATRE

**ACT**  
ACT's "An Evening of Absurdity" opens tonight at 8 pm at the Mousetrap Theatre, New English School. The evening consists of two absurdly comic one-act plays, *The Bald Soprano* by Eugene Ionesco and *The American Dream* by Edward Albee. The play runs nightly until March 10 at the same venue. For reservations ring: 5639204; 5620332; 5725071.

**Rock 'n' Romance**  
June Stevenson and Phil Thomas of Kuwait Players present *Rock 'n' Romance*, a show with a romantic touch at the Regency Palace Hotel at 8 pm on March 20, 21, 22, 23 and at 3 pm and 8 pm on March 24. For details call 5624175, after 5 pm, or 5745838.

**Kuwait Little Theatre**  
KLT will perform the Vicar of Wakefield, an amusing tale by Oliver Goldsmith. Gala opening on March 14 at 7.30 pm. Repeat performances on March 15, 16 and 17 at 8.15 pm. For reservations ring 3983724.

## SOCIAL

**AUB Alumni Dinner**  
The AUB (American University of Beirut) alumni in



● Fresh lobster (above) promotion is now on at the Meridien's Versailles Restaurant. Guests can select lobsters and have them prepared to taste by the restaurant's chef. For reservations contact the hotel.

**Kuwait will hold a dinner reception in honour of the AUB delegation visiting Kuwait.** The delegation includes AUB president, deputy president and vice president. For reservations and further details phone 5619891; 5624502; 3980560.

**Kuwait Natural History Group**  
The next meeting of the group will be held on Tuesday, March 8, at the Gulf English School Salwa. An illustrated talk on "Super Conductors in Kuwait" will be given by Mr Qazi. For details phone Eric Shaw — 3718417.

**Kuwait English School**  
St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 17 at the Holiday Inn Hotel. If interested contact — 5621701/5622701, 8 am to 2 pm or 5624175 after 2 pm.

**Lunch-on Party**  
Friends of Great Ormond Street Hospital Lunch will be held on March 17, 1.30 pm, at Messiah Beach Hotel. For reservations contact 4831339; 5636675.

**Desert BBQ**  
Kuwait Players will hold a Desert BBQ on Friday, March 11. Organised games for children. Newcomers particularly welcome. Tel: 5330934; 5613465.

**Kuwait Irish Society**  
St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 17 at the Holiday Inn Hotel. If interested contact — 5621701/5622701, 8 am to 2 pm or 5624175 after 2 pm.

**Swimming Classes**  
Swimming classes for children, beginners, improvers and advanced levels will be held at the Kuwait Hilton Hotel. For details contact the hotel's recreation manager.

**Central A/C mechanics**  
(For DX & Package Units)  
Tel: 2426056, 2432984

**At the S.A.S.**  
The latest weekly German sports round-up shown on video every Tuesday at 7.30 pm at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Free entry. For details contact Bernhard Lüning — 4835344.

**At the S.A.S.**  
The Peacock Room offers Chinese dining from Peking to Szechuan daily for lunch and dinner, except Saturdays. Al Boom features Oriental and Western cuisine for dinner, night, and lunch and dinner on weekends.

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## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

- 2.15 Holy Quran  
2.30 World News Via Satellite  
4.00 News Summary  
4.20 Ghadab Al Sahra: part 7 of Arabic serial, starring Abdul Rahman Al Rish, Sahar Rami, Talath Hamdi  
5.30 Mama Anisa and Children  
6.00 Cultural film  
6.45 News Summary  
6.50 Weekend — repeat  
7.15 Our Children and Their Future: local programme on the upbringing of Arab children. Tonight's guest speaker is Dr George Ta'amir Good Evening and Local News  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.50 Suraq Al Simt: daily Arabic serial, featuring Sana Jamil, Hamdi Ghaitib, Anwar Ismael, Mimi Jamal.  
10.50 Daera Al Ahdath: "Circle of Events."

A still from tonight's mini-series, *A Year in the Life*, at 10.30 pm on KTV 2.

Part two of discussion on Fisheries and Marine Resources in Kuwait. Guest speakers are Dr Jasim Mohammad Hassan, Dr Mohammad Abdullah Al Saif and Adnan Khalifa Al Rusnud.

11.45 News Summary  
11.50 World News Via Satellite  
12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

## KTV 2

- 3.00 Hny Quran  
3.10 Cartoons  
3.55 Football: Oman vs Bahrain  
6.00 Recording of Sports Festival held during Kuwait's National Day, by the Ministry of Social Affairs & Labour.



Mama Anisa and Children, a programme for young viewers on KTV 1.

9.30 Hurizan: BBC documentary.  
10.30 Mini-Series "A Year in the Life." The life, love and fortunes of a middle-class American family are revealed in this mini-series, starring Richard Kiley, Eva Marie Saint, Wendy Philips, Morgan Stevens and David Oliver.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## English

- Morning  
0800 Opening  
0802 Songs and Music  
0805 Science Journal  
0830 News  
0840 Songs and Music  
0845 Daily Programme  
0900 Songs and Music  
0915 Writers and Their Works  
0930 Radio Magazine Supplement  
1000 Our Press Today  
1005 Songs and Music  
1100 Closedown  
1330 News on FM Service

- Evening  
2100 Opening  
2102 Bits and Bytes  
2130 News  
2145 Point of View  
2155 Songs and Music  
2200 Facts About Zionism  
2215 Magazine Special  
2245 Daily Programme  
2300 Padi Mell  
2400 Closedown

- 0000 Opening  
0110 Rechereen Qaul  
0116 Programme Preview  
0120 Songs  
0135 Press Report  
0140 Songs and Music  
0145 Daily Programme  
0150 Songs and Music  
0155 Writers and Their Works  
0160 Our Press Today  
0165 Songs and Music  
0170 News on FM Service

- 0180 Closedown

## Urdu

- 1900 Opening  
1910 Rechereen Qaul  
1916 Programme Preview  
1920 Songs  
1935 Press Report  
1940 Songs and Music  
1945 Daily Programme  
1950 Songs and Music  
1955 Writers and Their Works  
1960 Our Press Today  
1965 Songs and Music  
1970 News on FM Service

- 1980 Closedown

- 0000 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Radio Newsreel  
30 Religious Service  
35 Augustus Carp Esq By Him  
36 Anything Goes  
0900 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 Good Books  
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup  
45 Pebbles' Choice  
1000 News Service followed by 11th and 14th On the Border; 21st and 28th Six Cities

- 30 The Vintage Chart Show

- 1100 World News  
09 News about Britain

- 15 Health Matters (ex 28th The Wondrous Cross)

- 30 Album Time

- 1200 Radio Newsreel

- 13 My World (ex 7th Just a Min-News)

- 45 Sports Roundup

- 1300 World News

- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

- 30 Anything Goes

- 1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News

- 45 Current Row

- 1500 Radio Newsreel

- 15 7th and 14th On The Border; 21st and 28th Six Cities

- 45 Capriccio (ex 28th The Seven Ages of Man)

- 1600 World News

- 07 The Unclaimed Promise (ex 28th)

- 30 Chain Reaction

- 45 The World Today

- 1700 World News

- 45 Book Choice

- 15 Best on Record

- 45 Sports Roundup

- 1800 Newsreel

- 30 Multitrack 1: Top 20

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## ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

LONELINESS and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty — Mother Teresa, Yugoslav-born Roman Catholic nun-missionary (1910).

## Bangladesh elections

## Political crisis remains unsolved

By Malcolm Davidson

DHAKA, (Reuter): Bangladesh President Hossain Mohammad Ershad won his expected landslide in parliamentary elections, but political analysts say the exercise has done nothing to resolve the country's four-month political crisis.

"I don't think this has changed anything," said one Western diplomat.

Bangladesh, one of the world's poorest nations, desperately needs stability, he said, adding: "I have no sense of optimism."

Diplomats and journalists who toured the polling stations during Thursday's parliamentary and municipal elections said they saw evidence of widespread ballot rigging and intimidation.

Ershad's Jatiya Party secured an overwhelming majority in parliament, winning 238 of the 279 seats declared in the 300-seat parliament.

The election commission ordered repolling in four constituencies worst hit by election violence in which 13 people were killed in Dhaka and other cities.

Despite the resounding Jatiya result on paper, diplomats said that with the two major opposition parties boycotting the poll it was a hollow victory for Ershad, who seized power in 1982.

**Strike**

The Awami League led by Sheikh Hasina and Begum Khaleda Zia's Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) urged people not to vote and called a general strike to disrupt the poll.

There are no official turnout figures, but most indications show many people heeded the call.

The election followed four months of political turmoil in Bangladesh during which the opposition alliance repeatedly called general strikes to try to topple Ershad and force elections under a caretaker government.

But despite the troubles, a World Bank report said last week the economic effects were not as bad as originally thought and it now expected two per cent growth in 1983.

Some 80 per cent of Bangladeshis live below the poverty line,

while per capita income, at around \$140, is the lowest in Asia.

Diplomats say they believe the opposition alliance lost its chance to oust Ershad last November when he was badly beaten by the strength of their campaign and there was a serious chance of martial law being declared.

"Nobody in November would have predicted that the Army would not have moved in," said a diplomat.

But the former general kept his grip on the Army and in late November moved against the opposition. He declared a state of emergency and then dissolved parliament on Dec 6, paving the way for elections.

He kept the initiative and is now under no great pressure to bring the opposition back into the political mainstream immediately. "I think the foreign community feels that he does not have to be pushed into anything," said a diplomatic source. "He is in the ascendancy and in control."

Few people have an answer for the political stalemate.

One suggestion is that Ershad might try to woo the opposition later in the year by offering constitutional reform to strengthen Parliament, and then call a fresh election.

A senior former Jatiya figure said efforts were made to attract the BNP after the dissolution of Parliament in December but founded because Ershad thought Begum Zia's ideologically similar party could pose too much of an electoral threat.

The Army figures in "most equations": Diplomats and the former Jatiya man said Ershad and the cabinet made few major decisions without at least telling the military.

The Army has played some sort of role in most of the political events that have convulsed Bangladesh since it won independence from Pakistan in 1971.

Some generals are said to have a role after a role in the political process, but junior officers in the new, more professional Army would prefer it to remain in barracks.

## Brazil's president battles for survival

By Stephen Powell

BRASILIA, (Reuter): President Jose Sarney, Brazil's first civilian leader after 21 years of military dictatorship, is fighting for his political survival and could soon lose his powers, political analysts said.

A constituent assembly is considering whether to adopt a parliamentary system of government which will concentrate power in the hands of a prime minister.

No date has been set for the assembly to vote on the issue, but the vote could come next week, congressmen said.

Sarney, a 57-year-old poet and lawyer who once said he never wanted to be president, saw his popularity slump under an economic crisis. Brazil's problems include inflation which this year could exceed 500 per cent, foreign debt of \$114 billion and mass poverty.

He came to power in March 1985, in what many regard as a historical accident, as a stand-in for Tancredo Neves, a popular president-elect who fell ill on the eve of his inauguration and died the following month.

During the 1984-85 military dictatorship, Sarney was a leader of the military-backed Social Democrat Party (PDS).

Now widely regarded as a weak leader, he is being assailed from various quarters.

He is struggling to secure votes in the assembly in favour of a presidential system of government under which he would retain effective political control and a five-year term of office for the head of state.

The assembly is expected to vote to give the head of state a four-year term of office instead with elections this year, as opinion polls indicate most people want. They would be the first elections in Brazil since 1960.

Sarney has been governing so badly and has been making such heavy-handed threats that they might take his powers away immediately," said David Fleischman.

The only official presidential candidate so far is former lathe operator and strike leader Luis Inacio da Silva of the left-wing Workers' Party (PT).

## Choke point for the Gulf

By Warren Richey

ABOARD HMS BATTLEAXE IN THE STRAIT OF HORMUS: At 6.48 pm, the British frigate Battleaxe crosses a hypothetical line off the coast of Oman in the southern Gulf. On the navigator's chart it is labeled: "Silkworm envelope."

There are no bells, no warning sirens, no flashing lights. The officer on the bridge simply informs the appropriate crew members to proceed with "close up."

For the next nine hours certain hatches and doors are required to stay closed. The ship's fire brigade is on alert. Everyone sleeps fully clothed.

The state means we are better prepared to deal with damage should we pick up a Silkworm," the officer on the bridge explains.

He is referring to the Chinese-built Silkworm antiship missiles Iran has positioned at key points along the 24-mile-wide Strait of Hormuz.

The bulky missile with a 50-mile range and a speed of six miles per minute is only one of an array of threats facing merchant seamen who regularly transit the strait and naval warships like the Battleaxe sent to the Gulf to protect them.

There are Iranian warships, open motor launches, mines, and aircraft as well.

That means this narrow patch

of sea is not only the choke point for the Gulf, it is also the equivalent of home turf for Iran's Navy, Air Force, and Revolutionary Guards Corps. It is the one place in the Gulf where Iran could, if it so chose, quickly unleash the full fury of its unconventional forces in a "Jihad" (holy war).

## Discount

British naval officers and other Gulf analysts discount the threat of an all-out "holy war" in the strategic waterway. They say that Iran needs access to open sea lanes at least as much as any of the other oil-exporting Gulf states. And they note that Iran's "rules of engagement" in the Gulf seem to preclude direct attacks on warships. Instead Iran has concentrated its hit-and-run raids on unescorted tankers.

But the British, like the Americans, French, Soviets, and others with warships in the region, are taking no chances.

"I have a full operations team ready. All weapons are ready to go, and the chaps are on the upper deck trying to differentiate among unlit fishing dhows, darkened speedboats used by Iranian smugglers, and the 42-foot motor launches — 'Boghammers' — that the Iranian Revolutionary Guards use for most of their hit-and-run raids in the busy waterway. Boghammers is the Swedish manufacturer who sold 50 of the fiberglass speed boats to Iran.

The Battleaxe's defensive sys-

tems include air radar out to 114 miles, detailed sea surface radar out to 24 miles, and an array of electronic sensors. The computerised equipment in the ship's operations centre can locate and track in flight objects as small as an artillery shell.

In addition, a contingent of Britain's Royal Marines are positioned at the bow of the ship with Javelin shoulder-launched missiles, and along each side of the bridge with high-powered binoculars, night-vision scopes, and small arms. They are looking for anything suspicious. Each man is wearing a headset wired directly to the ship's war fighting room.

## Difficulty

The difficulty for both radar operators and the Marines on the upper deck is trying to differentiate among unlit fishing dhows, darkened speedboats used by Iranian smugglers, and the 42-foot motor launches — "Boghammers" — that the Iranian Revolutionary Guards use for most of their hit-and-run raids in the busy waterway. Boghammers is the Swedish manufacturer who sold 50 of the fiberglass speed boats to Iran.

Fishing dhows, Boghammers, and pleasure craft all look the

same on radar, if they show up at all. And in choppy and hazy seas they can be very difficult to spot visually.

Crew members on watch duty are regularly rotated to avoid problems of stress and fatigue.

But the routine in the Gulf sometimes seems never ending. "During exercises you are on the go all the time," says Robbie Robson, chief gunner. "Here, it is completely different. You never know what is going to happen."

## Watch

A new threat of attack from Iran was added to the list when an Iranian F-4 jet fighter fired two missiles at a Liberian tanker in the strait on Feb 2. Both missiles missed but naval officers

see the incident as an expansion of Iran's methods of attack. Nor is Iran the only worry. Recently, an Iraqi jet was flying uncomfortably near a US Navy ship when the jet fired a missile at Iranian installations. It was an Iraqi jet that, in a case of mistaken identity, fired an Exocet missile into the USS Stark, killing 37 crew members.

"It might not happen, but we are expecting anything," says Radar Operator Chris Sharp.

He says technicians in the

operations centre, watch for aircraft coming in low and zig-zagging or boats approaching very quickly. Operations centre personnel attempt to identify the approaching object with the help of computers.

If we still don't know what it is and it is closing, we contact it and ask, 'Who are you and what are your intentions?'" Sharp asks.

If the answer comes back, "I'm an Iranian F-14 (jet fighter) on my mission," then we say, 'please stay out beyond five miles.'"

British officers explain that what they are primarily concerned about are mistakes or crossed signals that might lead to an unintended attack.

"You find everyone in the Gulf talking to keep the picture clear and prevent accidents," says Lt Comdr Glyn James, the Battleaxe's principal warfare officer.

He notes that in the event of an apparent Silkworm attack, naval officers would take special precautions to ensure that what they were seeing on their radar screens wasn't a low-flying friendly jet or other innocent aircraft.

Lt Commander James says that officers on the Battleaxe would expect a series of tip-offs before an incoming Silkworm.

cleared the horizon. At night, marine sentries would probably see the flash of light from the Iranian mainland.

Next, radar technicians would pick up a fast-moving object and determine it wasn't a commercial aircraft. Meanwhile, the operation centre's computer would have automatically started plotting height and speed, and electronic sensors would be employed to identify the type of radar or guidance system. That would identify it as Silkworm, according to James. "The whole thing is providing a picture to the commander so he can decide what to do," he adds.

Ultimately, a Seawolf missile

would be fired to destroy the Silkworm and decoys would be deployed to draw it off target. Hand-held missiles and other close-in weapons would be at the ready.

The Silkworm warhead is large enough to sink a warship. But naval officers say that under a convoy situation, the missile would probably veer toward the largest tanker in the group, because of the design of its guidance system.

The only Iranian Silkworms

launched in the Gulf knocked out Kuwait's oil export terminal and hit two tankers anchored off Kuwait last October.

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## Super Tuesday

## Major test of presidential candidates' strength

WASHINGTON, (AP): Super Tuesday in the United States, tomorrow, is considered a major indicator of candidate strength for the Democrats and Republicans seeking their party's US presidential nomination.

On that day, Democrats, who control both houses of Congress, hold primary elections or "caucuses" in 20 states and one territory and Republicans, who control the White House, in 16 states. Virginia holds a Republican primary, but Republicans will not select delegates at the Democrats will on that day.

Most of the states, 32, use variations of the primary system, in which voters go to the polls in a formal election atmosphere and cast ballots for one party or the other, indicating their preferred candidates in that party.

Eighteen states hold caucuses, in which party activists first meet on a local level. Delegates representing the most popular

Super Tuesday offers an

Gerald Nadler

MOSCOW, (UPI): Armenian fury against Azerbaijanis recently is one drop in a cask of a simmering nationalities problem in the empire that calls itself the Soviet Union.

While the British, Spanish, French and Portuguese overseas empires have dissolved, the Soviet land empire that spreads over Eurasia lives on, inherited from the Czarist imperial state the communists displaced in 1918.

The multi-ethnic empire encompasses Ukrainians, Estonians, Latvians, Lithuanians, Armenians, Georgians, a host of Muslim peoples — Uzbeks, Tadzhiks, Kazakhs, Turkomanian — and Volga Germans, Tatars and Jews.

The multinational state is supposed to be held in harmony by a structure of 15 nominal republics, 16 autonomous republics and 18 autonomous regions, each sending delegates to a nominal parliament, the Supreme Soviet.

Although the national rouble currency is stamped in all 15 languages of the main republics and though a TV station in each republic broadcasts in the local language, the Soviet Union remains a melting pot that has not coalesced.

The Ukraine, for example, by population and territory would be the sixth largest nation in Europe — an industrial dynamo

Nonetheless, how many

delegates a candidate accumulates prior to the convention often makes it possible to predict well in advance who will win the party's nomination.

There will be 4,162 delegates attending the Democratic National Convention, and a candidate will need 2,082 for the party's nomination. There will be 2,277 delegates at the Republican National Convention, and 1,139 delegates are needed to nominate.

In the run-up to the conventions, attention is focused on the votes candidates win in each state's primary or caucus usually has the support of that state's delegates at the convention, at least on the first vote. If the party cannot choose a candidate on the first try, delegates often switch their votes, turning the gathering into what is referred to as a "brokered convention."

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US officials said all parties to the conflict wanted the United States to continue its efforts and stressed that no one, from Israel's right-wing Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, had rejected it outright.

Behind the upbeat tone, however, lies an awareness that the problems afflicting US peace efforts since the Reagan administration took office in January 1981 are still there, hardly any smaller now that a new plan is on the table.

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## Instant delivery

Calling all expectant mums! Would you know what to do if you suddenly started to give birth in the supermarket? Here, medical experts give advice on how to cope with a birth if you are caught short.

By Georgina Gold

IT is the nightmare that all parents-to-be dread. The baby, expected in several weeks time, decides to make an unexpected early arrival.

What do you do? Where do you go? How should you prepare for the birth of your child?

As many mothers have discovered, it does not matter whether you are watching TV or pushing the trolley round the supermarket — if a baby is about to be born there is nothing you can do to stop it.

But there are ways to make it safer and less worrying.

And even if the birth takes place in the back of a taxi on the way to the hospital, the message from the experts is — DON'T PANIC. Anybody is capable of delivering a baby so long as they stay calm and follow certain simple guidelines.

A senior obstetrician for Queen Charlotte's Maternity hospital in London, which deals with more than 4,500 pregnant women each year, has clear and simple advice for

anyone who finds themselves having to deliver a baby at home — or anywhere else for that matter!

He says: "Unexpected births happen a lot more often than people think. It's the kind of thing everyone reads about, but never expects to happen to them. The main thing is not to worry. The baby will be born, and anyone can deliver it. Worrying only makes things worse."

"Women having a baby for the first time need not worry quite as much since childbirth usually takes longer the first time, and you get plenty of warning signs."

"It's far more likely to happen in the second or third pregnancy."

"There is no minimum time for labour — it can be just minutes, and some women may not even realize they're in labour. Some only get backache."

Queen Charlotte's hospital has countless tales of babies born in taxis, supermarkets or even at home while waiting for ambulance.

Reassuringly, most of them were born completely healthy



tiny miracle: a new-born baby, still attached to its mother by the umbilical cord.

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Priscilla Presley's best-selling novel comes to the screen

## Truth about Elvis—by his wife

By Ivor Davis

CULVER CITY, Calif.: It is like stepping into another world, from the harsh California sunshine into a dark room both gloomy and gaudy. Heavy red drapes block the light as the air conditioner whirs 24 hours a day. The deep carpets are red and black; the walls, black and padded. There are three 16-inch colour-TV sets: two embedded in the ceiling above the custom-made king-size bed, the third at its foot.

On bedside tables sit three phones next to a well-worn Bible and a statue of the Virgin Mary. There are books about martial arts, another titled "I Believe in Miracles." In the drawer sits a loaded pistol.

This is Elvis Presley's private bedroom at Graceland in Memphis, Tenn. It was in the adjoining bathroom, with its black marble and gold fixtures, that the rock star died a decade ago at the age of 42 of heart failure caused by high blood pressure.

Since his death, the Presley suite has been sealed. Millions of fans visit Graceland daily, but the upstairs bedroom is locked even to family members.

However, the secrets of Elvis' room are unveiled on the four-hour ABC-TV movie *Elvis and Me*, which is based on the best seller by Priscilla Presley, *Elvis' ex-wife*.

The bedroom, along with other spaces in the Presley mansion, have been re-created for the movie — down to Elvis' photos of his mother Gladys, the books he read, the food he ate and the plaques and mementoes he collected.

Thanks to Priscilla's influence, the doors to Elvis' suite were unlocked. Priscilla, a regular on "Dallas" and co-producer of the film, decided that if the story was to be authentically re-created Elvis' lair had to be shown.



Dale Midkiff (as Elvis) and Susan Walters (as Priscilla Presley) in the TV movie *Elvis and Me*.

Under tight secrecy the film has been shot with two unknown actors playing Elvis and Priscilla. Dale Midkiff, 28, who plays the pop singer and Susan Walters, 24, won over more than 500 hopefuls for the part of Mrs Presley.

*Elvis and Me* is the story of a teenager who is swept off her feet by the rock-'n'-roll giant. In her book Priscilla says Presley "became my father, husband and very nearly God." And in the process he nearly destroyed her.

Co-producer Robert Loventhal insists that the film will not be sanitised even though it carries the Priscilla seal of approval. In fact, she wants it to contain a strong anti-drug message for young people, he says.

Loventhal says that to the young Priscilla, who was brought up in a tough, disciplined military home, the Presley bedroom must have

seemed like a fantasyland.

"But to us it was more strange and bizarre than Priscilla would ever think. It was his self-created prison. At the time she may have perceived Elvis as the man who was everything to her, who was both kind and manipulative, close and distant. But for the film you have to create a character who was not always the smiling, lovable rock-'n'-roll idol we know," he says.

"We have scenes in the Graceland attic. To this day the attic has every piece of clothing Gladys Presley owned. Everything has been saved. He never threw out anything. And who he was is tied up with his haunting memory of his mother, which was probably the most important relationship in his life, other than Priscilla," says Loventhal.

There is another odd twist to the movie. The producers could

not obtain permission to use the real Presley recordings, so viewers have to hear country-western singer Ronnie McDowell perform Elvis' songs as Midkiff lip-synchs them.

Walters, who ages from 14 to her mid-30s during the film, has 120 costume changes; Midkiff makes more than \$30 in the \$8 million picture.

"One day I am Priscilla at 14, an hour later I am about to get married, then I am pregnant or a mother with a young daughter, learning that Elvis may be cheating on me. In the afternoon I am over 30, telling Elvis that I do not want us to get back together. What has helped most is the wig changes, which sorted out the different blocks of time," says Walters.

"It is hard to do the scene at the end when Priscilla reacts to Elvis as a bloated figure, barely recognisable. The main thing about the story is that they were in love; they even held hands at the divorce," she says.

### Understand

"Priscilla helped me understand the way she behaved when she was younger. In my marriage if (my husband and I) have a difference of opinion we discuss it or argue. But with Elvis you did not do that; you did not push him. Elvis was her life. She was not in college, she did not have a career — she had Elvis. To lose him would be to lose her life, because she had left her family. Today it is different: she has a career and a child. She tried to have a career but Elvis didn't want that," she says.

Midkiff prepared for the role by watching more than 100 hours of Elvis concert footage, listening to his music and reading "Elvis and Me." He also got a lot of advice from Priscilla.

"When we first met she smiled and said, 'I wouldn't want to be in your shoes,'" he says.

"I didn't want to do another



Elvis and Priscilla Presley on their wedding day.

Elvis impersonation or turn him into a cardboard character. Priscilla helped me with his mannerisms. Priscilla told me he walked tall ... like a hulking fighter. He never sat still, he bounded around, he tapped his feet, drummed his fingers. He had so much energy. I also took karate classes with world champions who knew (and taught) Elvis and Priscilla," he says.

"After doing the role for weeks I began to feel I was Elvis. I would catch myself doing him when I answered the phone. I would talk to friends in an Elvis voice. I tried to show his human side, that he was not a monster who swallowed pills and ended up 70 pounds heavier than he should have been. He was a perfectionist and he got upset

when something did not go right. He had a wild temper and crazy black moods," he says.

"Elvis' life had lots of dichotomies ... from being the good Christian country boy to being a superstar who loved everything that went with the best," says Midkiff.

For Midkiff, however, the real stamp of approval on his performance came during the filming of the concert scenes at the Las Vegas Hilton where he cavitored as Elvis onstage, sweating off 7 pounds in the process.

"At the end of a long day," says Midkiff, "a man came up, introduced himself and said, 'You did real fine my boy.'"

It was Tom Parker, Elvis' manager.

## Tough guys do act

By Arthur Herman

LONDON, (UPI): Bob Hoskins is best known for gangster roles and a menacing physique he describes as "5 feet 6 by 5 feet 6."

But the high-energy Englishman is a dedicated, versatile actor, and his reputation is bound to get a boost from his work in *The Lonesome Passion of Judith Hearne*.

Hoskins says he's probably known as a thug "because I'm a cockney and people think that cockneys are crooks. You walk in a house with a cockney accent and immediately they lock up the silver and send the women upstairs."

But the gangland image Hoskins developed in *Mona Lisa*, *The Long Good Friday* and *The Cotton Club* will be jolted by *Judith Hearne*, in which he plays opposite two-time Oscar winner Maggie Smith, one of the greats of the British stage.

"The core of the movie is the acting," said Hoskins, 44, in a recent interview. "There's no guns going off. There's no dead bodies."

"There's nothing to thrill you except the emotions portrayed and some people will go for it and some won't. I think it's a classic."

Smith plays a lonely Irish spinster who moves into a Dublin boarding house and meets a fast-talking middle-aged Irishman who has returned after living in New York City for 30 years.

"He's a mug," Hoskins says of his character. "You realise by the end of the film that he's as lost and lonely as she is and he's realised it too, but he's balled it up."



Bob Hoskins

He speaks in the film like a native New Yorker but said achieving the right accent was not the problem.

"I could get 10 guys from New York here and they'd all speak different," he said. "It's just finding the character, finding the psyche of the character is what is so difficult."

What persuaded him to take the part was the opportunity to play opposite Smith.

"We first rehearsed and within 30 minutes we were in character. She's extraordinary," Hoskins said. "She'll take a scene, wrap it up in pure velvet and give it back to you."

"That's flowery language coming from someone whose resume includes such jobs as truck driver, steeplejack, porter, mango picker and bookkeeper."

The story goes that Hoskins stumbled into acting at 25 when he was discovered boozing at a theatre.

"Previously, I just wasn't in that world," he said. "Wanting to be an actor was like wanting to be a brain surgeon. I just didn't think it was possible."

The only qualification he could cite was "I've always liked people and playing a role is playing people ... I do it because I love it."

In addition to *Judith Hearne*, 1983 will see a rash of Hoskins movies including *The Raggedy Rainway*, filmed in Czechoslovakia.

In yet another new film, Hoskins appears with Mickey Rourke and Alan Bates in "A Prayer for the Dying" about Northern Ireland terrorism.

## The new empress of China

By David Lewin

ghai by talent scouts from the city's film studios who were looking for someone to play a guerrilla girl in a film about the Long March.

"I could shoot because I wanted to join the Red Army," she said. "I had two lines of dialogue in the movie and we had three days of professional training and three days of political training before we started filming.

"We were taught not to pursue personal fame or glory, but to work hard for the cause and to make films for the good of the country and the people. In Hollywood it is reverse; there you work for the fame and glory."

"Halfway through the film Jinjiang Mountain, production was cancelled for political reasons. I was disappointed — but not heartbroken.

"Then I was sent on a two-year drama course in the Shanghai studios. I lived in a dormitory there, with six girls and 20 boys. It was the first time I had really met any boys and it wasn't until I was 20 and went to California that I actually had a boyfriend."

After her two film awards, Chinese boys started to notice Joan Chen for the first time. And that was different from America too.

"Boys wrote me letters. Some fan letters, some love letters. She told me, 'Chinese boys don't talk to you — they write to you.' When she went to Los Angeles and started to try to act, there were other surprises. 'I had to start from zero and build again,' she said. Then she

about sex. Only love. If they do, the girl is immediately turned off. Sex is dirty.

"In the West it is a heavenly gift and the ultimate experience. In China we were taught it was nasty."

Joan Chen's parents were sent to America by the government to study there and finally, after a six-month delay she was given a passport herself.

"In China I had been a star — in New York I went to university and I was unknown and it was much freer life. I was propositioned pretty quickly."

There were other differences between the two countries. "In China when a girl starts to have full breasts, she walks stooped forward to disguise them! It is not considered good to show them. No man would ever look you up and down," Joan Chen said.

"In America I found the more you have here (she indicated her breasts), the better. Now that I am back in China, I find there is still a physical distance between people."

"I never hugged my mother when I was a child, or my father, and I wanted to. My mother is more Westernised now and she likes to hug us. But my father still does not. Most mothers in China still do not."

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Joan Chen (right) in Bernardo Bertolucci's *The Last Emperor*

won small parts in television. "Do you want some tea, Mr Hammer?" was her first line in the series *Mike Hammer*.

She worked in Miami Vice and went for an audition at a studio for the TV film *Tai Pan*. "I was in the parking lot and a man in a car followed me, stuck his head out of a window and asked if I knew that Lana Turner had been discovered in a drug store," she said.

"I thought he was trying to pick me up. But he was Dino de Laurentiis, the producer, and I got the lead."

Her role in *The Last Emperor* is to be given to the emperor as a wife. Her beauty is shrouded as her new husband ventures a kiss, while attendant female slaves slowly disrobe the young lovers.

Joan Chen found coming back home for the film to be a disturbing experience. "In Hollywood with my husband we had a house, a garden and a pool," she explained.

By Joan Hanauer

NEW YORK, (UPI): James Clavell's "Noble House" presents the new Pierce Brosnan — tough, unsmiling, dangerous — as a wheeling, dealing Hong Kong businessman with a very good tailor.

The show is another glitzy miniseries with beautiful people, fascinating scenery, sexy women and a few too many Chinese proverbs.

It also lasts a long time — eight hours spread over four days on NBC, Sunday through Wednesday, in America.

Brosnan plays Ian Struan Dunross, the Tai-pan or leader of Struan's, the oldest and most powerful Hong Kong trading company, also called the Noble House.

The real theme of this max-length miniseries is greed, however, and there's nothing very noble about any of the characters. They are all out for megahucks, good guys and bad.

The plot involves Dunross's efforts to put Struan on the black.

It has been on shaky financial footing since the previous *Tai-pan* gambled and lost in pursuit of the almighty Hong Kong dollar. Brosnan's plans for Struan's involve teaming up with American corporate buccaneer Linc Bartlett (Ben Masters) and his associate, Casey Tcholok, played by beautiful Deborah Raffin.

Bartlett, who numbers double-dealing among his better business practices, also is negotiating with Quillan Gorn, Dunross's business rival and bitter enemy. Gorn is played with enormous zest by John Rhys-Davies and he's more fun to watch than anybody in the cast.

Well, almost. Compulsive girl-watchers might have more fun ogling absolutely smashing Julia Nickson as Orlinda Ramos, Gorn's Eurasian ex-girlfriend who has been promised a new Jaguar (car, not animal) if she "distracts" Bartlett.

She does, which is not surprising, particularly when she

## Noble House: in pursuit of the mighty Hong Kong dollar



Pierce Brosnan (left) stars in TV epic *Noble House*.

wears a dress almost literally slashed to her navel.

It is possible that Ivan Blesky would understand the financial follies of "Noble House" but fortunately the viewer doesn't have to.

Just take it on faith that Dunross one minute can be begging money from a Chinese gangster named four-fingered Wu, who carries a grudge against foreign devils and the next is able to pull millions out of a red Chinese former schoolmate.

Along with the financial finagling, there is a catastrophic fire at a floating restaurant that adds excitement, as does the collapse of a skyscraper apartment house in a mudslide.

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There's also a complication involving a half-coin. The Tai-pan must grant any favour the bearer of the coin fragment

asks or else lose face, which in Hong Kong is even worse than losing your wallet.

The favorite word in this complicated story is "joss", which means luck or fate. No matter what happens, the characters shrug it off as "joss."

Despite the big cast and complex action, the miniseries belongs to Pierce Brosnan, who is on camera almost throughout. Dunross is a long way from his old TV character of Remington Steele, the light-hearted smiling private detective.

Dunross' sedum smiles, never jokes and has occasional flashes of nasty temper.

It was very different from Remington Steele, Brosnan said in an interview. "He's a very serious character, but after all, the man's empire is being attacked and everything is crumbling."

"He's very high-powered and dangerous in his handling of situations. He is a man with a certain amount of remoteness, a loner in essence."

The film was shot in Hong Kong for about three months, and finished up in North Carolina.

It is the kind of show that offers total escapism amid the rich and beautiful, with exotic backgrounds, expensive sets — Dunross' office is spectacular — and elegant wardrobes. It also has the virtue of not taking itself too seriously, as when a jealous man eyes a beautiful

## Astrology playing major role in Indian politics

By Trish Saywell

NEW DELHI, India (UPI): In a dark, backstairs room of a seedy downtown hotel, a man in a three-piece suit and gold earrings quietly studies the cosmos to divine the fortunes of some of India's political elite.

R. G. Kalia once worked as a government clerk. He only dabbled in astrology until a newspaper printed his forecast that the then-ruling Janata party would lose to former prime minister Indira Gandhi in a crucial 1978 election. She wooed and lost his job.

Now he works full time in astrology, which plays a vital role in Indian politics. Kalia claims of his star-gazing clients are senior officials and Members of Parliament.

"They invite me to their homes, serve coffee and expect that I will read their stars for free," said Kalia. "They think I should feel honoured."

As evidence, the portly, mustachioed chain-smoker waved at calling cards displayed under his glass desktop, including that of H. K. L. Bhagat, Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's minister for parliamentary affairs.

"At least 90 per cent of the politicians in this country consult astrologers to find out about their political prospects," said Kuldeep Nayar, one of India's most prominent columnists. "Originally only Hindus believed in astrology, but its popularity has spread among other groups, including Muslims."

So too is the influence of astrology that the last British viceroy of India, Lord Louis Mountbatten, changed the nation's independence by a day when astrologers decided his chosen date — Aug 14, 1947 — as inauspicious for India.

Mrs Gandhi was notorious for consulting her astrologer on matters of state, including election scheduling, planning official itineraries and setting travel dates.

Former prime minister Morarji Desai, Charan Singh and Jagjivan Ram all held court with private astrologers.

"It's part of our ethos, and though many realise that 50 per cent of the predictions may not come true, they still have faith in it," said right-wing opposition leader A. B. Vajpeyi, who denied that he consults his stars.

### Question

"The most common question politicians ask these days is how long they will hold office," said O. T. Oja, astrologer and palmist at one of the capital's five-star hotels. "If they think their political clout is waning, they invariably ask how to pacify the stars in order to get it back."

If the configuration of stars is deemed bad, many Hindus believe their luck can be changed with the help of tantriks, who specialise in propitiating the gods for a fee. Tantriks recite mantras, burn clarified butter and break coconuts for the politician in trouble.

When the fortunes of the Janata party were flagging and advisors urged Desai to take action, he reportedly refused, arguing that an astrologer had told him that he would stay in power for another 24 years. He served for only two.

Even Rajiv Gandhi, 42, occasionally sheds his professed secularism. In a recent attempt to end India's worst drought of this century, he participated in a ceremony propitiating the Hindu fire god.

"This is an auspicious day," said a grey-bearded astrologer. "Something good will come of it."

"Fatalism is greater here than in any other part of the world," said S. C. Tiwari, head of the anthropology department at Delhi University. "This is particularly true in the rural areas where consultations are widely done."

Three out of four Hindu families have astrological charts prepared for their children at birth. The charts are consulted for guidance on educational, career, marital and financial matters. Family astrologers are an institution in India.

"It wasn't this way in Jawaharlal Nehru's time," journalist Saeed Naqvi said of India's first prime minister.

"What was once a feudal society where the rich and well-educated held political power has in the last 40 years expanded its base," he said.

By Bonnie Johnson

EVER since Elizabeth II became Queen of England in 1952, she has received hundreds of proposals from British journalists eager to write about her legendary private collection of jewellery from the most dazzling diamonds to the most trivial baubles, bangles and brooches. No, said the Queen, she thought not. Then four years ago writer Leslie Field, a transplanted American, decided to test the royal resolve one more time.

Field's notion was to do a book using the private collection (not to be confused with the Crown Jewels, worn by the Queen only on ceremonial occasions) to trace the historical continuity of the monarchy. "I knew from day one that this book would be Her Majesty's scrapbook," says Field. "Here's Granny, here's Mummy, here's me — all wearing the same brooch," she says. After sending her proposal to the palace, Field, 43, was told by a baffled press secretary, "I don't know how, and I don't know why, but the answer is yes."

The project consumed four difficult years of Field's life, and the result is the recently published *The Queen's Jewels (The Personal Collection of Elizabeth II)*, a lavishly illustrated book about the history behind the Queen's private collection, which now includes more than 300 pieces.

Of these, some 50 pieces — including the most valuable item in the collection, the Cullinan Lesser Star of Africa diamond brooch — are worn by the Queen herself.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## US-Soviet grain pact talks to begin shortly

WASHINGTON, March 6, (Reuter): The United States and Soviet Union will begin negotiations on March 11 on a new long-term grain agreement, the Reagan administration said yesterday.

US Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyng and special Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter said the negotiations would be held in Vienna.

"We are optimistic we will be able to achieve another mutually beneficial agreement," the announcement by the US trade representative's office said.

Alan Holmer, deputy US trade representative, will lead the US delegation. The team will also include officials from the agricultural and state departments and other US trade officials.

### Agreement

The current nonbinding five-year US-Soviet agreement expires on September 30 and calls for minimum yearly purchases of American grain by Moscow of nine million tonnes.

"We look forward to our discussions with the Soviets on a new US-Soviet long-term grain agreement. We expect the Vienna meeting to be the first step in the negotiating process," the announcement said.

Lyng told reporters he hoped negotiations would reach a speedy conclusion, but analysts have cautioned that a new grain agreement might not be easy to conclude.

## Australian firm to buy more crude from Nigeria

LAGOS, March 6, (Opecna): An Australian oil company, Ampol Limited, plans to expand its present crude oil purchase contract with Nigeria, an official of the company, Henry Irving, said here.

Speaking at the opening of the company's office here, the official, who is also his company's European representative, said Ampol was currently negotiating with the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) on crude oil and products, refining, exploration and joint-venture investments.

He said Ampol had lifted over \$400 million worth of crude oil from Nigeria, adding that the company "prides itself on being a loyal and reliable NNPC customer."

The Australian High Commissioner in Nigeria, R H Wyndham, said at the ceremony that the existing cooperation between his country and Nigeria would facilitate the exchange of their oil industry experience.

## Nigerian trade team finds market in S. Arabia

LAGOS, March 6, (Opecna): A Nigerian trade mission which has just returned from Saudi Arabia has reported finding markets for the country's agricultural and industrial goods.

Kano state governor group captain Mohammed Umaru who led the mission told journalists in Kano on Tuesday that his team explored areas which would enhance trade activities and generate foreign exchange earnings for Nigeria.

He said the mission examined comparative avenues of stimulating trade and other commercial activities in Nigeria so as to boost economic growth and employment opportunities.

The governor said 15 companies and organisations in Saudi Arabia had shown interest in doing business with Kano state in banking and development finance, seven in bicycle manufacturing and distribution, five in vegetable oil marketing, three in agricultural commodities, nine in ceramics and 23 in leather products.

## Financial markets remain subdued

## Expected UK tax cuts may give boost to equity markets

THERE were a number of data releases this week, the most important of which were the leading indicators and the unemployment and non-farm payroll figures.

Although the decline in the leading indicators appeared to confirm the expected slowdown in the US economy, the upward revision of the December figure caused the bond and equity markets to react calmly and by cancelling the three consecutive month decline, lessened fears of a recession this year.

Home sales, factory orders and construction spending all fell but the net effect on the dollar

## Investors remain skittish

## Post-crash rebound turns hesitant

LONDON, March 6, (Reuter): Stock markets around the globe have been making their best rally since the crash of "Black Monday" October 19 but investors remain skittish and apt to shy, sell and take their profits at any whiff of bad news.

As the rebound seemed to hesitate late last week, there were also signs that financial authorities, certainly in Japan, will be perfectly content to see a little caution keep markets from getting too volatile.

Comments by Bank of Japan sources that a 20 per cent rise in the Tokyo stock market, the world's biggest, in the past two months may have been slightly overdone prompted what some brokers saw as a healthy bout of mid-week selling.

### Steady

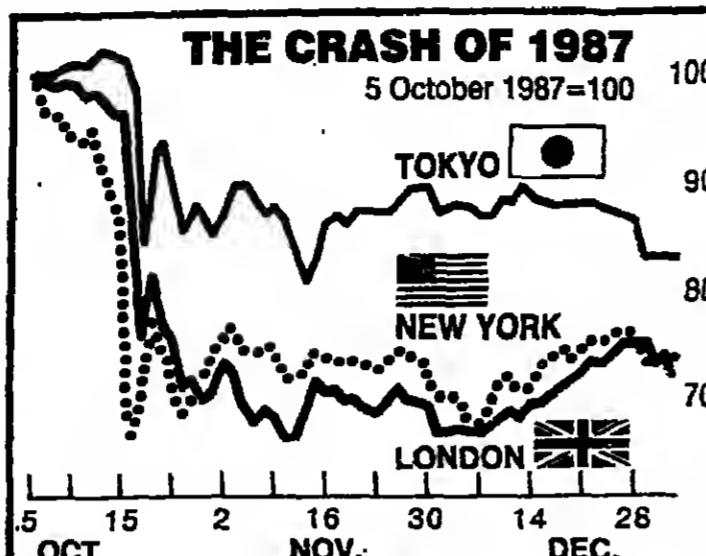
"The market has been going up in a straight line, more or less," said Peter Tasker, an analyst with Kleinwort Benson International Inc in Tokyo, where the Nikkei Market Index closed on Saturday at 25,627 points.

That is within a hairsbreadth of its pre-crash peak of 26,646.

Economists in the United States reckon that the Federal Reserve (Central Bank) is keeping American financial markets on an even keel with a steady and accommodating credit policy.

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at New York consultants Boston Company.

But the Dow Jones industrial average, Wall Street's most-watched blue chip barometer which had made a strong 48-point gain on Monday, slipped back five points.

### Rates

The view on Wall Street was that a boom in economy meant no further easing of interest rates and might stifle inflation and higher imports.

Still, the Dow closed higher on the week — the fourth week run-

ning it has done so and its longest stretch since the October crash.

It ended on Friday at 1,057.86. That is still down about 25 per cent from its pre-crash peak, but it is up 15 per cent on a low touched on "Black Monday" of 1,738.42.

The performance of London's Stock Market is closely tracking Wall Street. London's FTSE index of 100 blue chip British stocks also remains around 25 per cent below its pre-crash best, but last week saw it hold gains just above 1,800 points, regarded as an important psychological barrier.

### Low

It ended on Friday at 1,834.5, nearly 15 per cent above a low touched on November 9 at 1,565.2.

A London share trader said, however, "I don't trust this rally. A drop of Wall Street or the slightest bad news will prompt profit-taking."

Prospects of tax cuts in a March 15 British budget are among factors helping the rally in London stocks, meanwhile there have been signs of renewed interest by big investment institutions, whose absence from the market has helped keep the volume of business very thin lately.

"The institutions are not exac-

ting their boots with stock but it's encouraging that their interest is returning," said an economist at one London securities house.

Rallies on the main continental European bourses meanwhile were checked last week by profit-taking.

### Business

The volume of business was thin on the Paris bourse, which rose 15 per cent in February largely because of interest in takeover stocks.

Friday saw the Paris Cac General index at 298.0 after 306.5 on 306.5.

Thin trading also characterised the Frankfurt bourse, where the Faz index ended last week at 455.02 points, disappointing brokers who had hoped the recent rally would carry at above 460.

DG Bank said the German market had risen 16 per cent since the end of January and needed to pause for breath.

Commerzbank said in a report: "With the gradual brightening of the real economic environment, Commerzbank sees itself confirmed in its fundamentally positive assessment of the German bourse."

Profit-taking after gains earlier in the week also took share prices slightly lower on Friday in Switzerland and Spain.

## World Business Summary

### Japan seen biggest holder of currency reserves

WASHINGTON, March 6, (AP): Japan replaced West Germany in 1987 as the nation holding the most currency reserves, the International Monetary Fund reported today. Japan's reserves gained \$32 billion in value and reached \$81.1 billion, the IMF said, while West Germany held \$78.8 billion worth at the end of 1987. The United States lost \$8.7 billion for a total of \$34.8 billion, dropping from third to fifth place behind Taiwan with \$74.1 billion and Britain with \$41.7 billion.

France, New Zealand, Norway and Iceland also had reduced reserves. Reserves include a country's foreign currencies, its stock of the fund's own kind of money, the "Special Drawing Right" or SDR, and the level of its account with the fund itself. The fund lists gold separately. There, too, Japan took over as the biggest holder, with 61.5 billion ounces in January of this year, up from 35.4 billion at the end of 1986. West Germany's stock of gold rose to 39.2 billion ounces from 45.6 billion in the same period.

The United States held only 32.5 billion ounces in January, down from 39.8 billion.

Taiwan showed a sharp increase of \$20.3 billion in its holdings of currency. With a population of only 20 million people, it had more than 10 per cent of the world's reserves. Taiwan's total apparently came largely from its foreign trade, including its huge surplus of exports to the United States. The holdings also reflect purchases of dollars by other countries' central banks to keep the dollar from falling further. During 1987 many governments became worried that the drop in the price of the dollar would hurt their trade by making their exports more expensive in the United States, and US exports cheaper.

Intervention by governments buying dollars on world markets led to what the fund called a significant rise of the proportion of reserves held in dollars, above the 66 per cent level of 1986. The fund's monthly "IMF Memorandum" did not give the proportion for 1987.

### China offers 'good quality products at competitive prices'

BEIJING, March 6, (Xinhua): Irving Cohen, a US businessman, said that China offers products of good quality at competitive prices and has been his company's major supplier for a long time. "My customers at home never complain about the quality of the products I import from China," said Cohen, chairman of Host Apparel, Inc. and Pajama Craft, Inc., the largest sellers of men's pajamas and bathrobes in the United States. "Their prices are five to 15 per cent lower than those quoted by my competitors," said the chairman, who also buys from Brazil, Malaysia, Turkey, Portugal and other countries. However, his major complaint is China's paucity of flights between major cities. "I had to spend six cold hours on a train from Shanghai to Nanjing because there is only one flight a week between the two cities," he said in an interview with Xinhua at the ongoing Beijing '88 Foreign Trade Fair. His company started business with China seven years ago and now has trade ties with a dozen Chinese cities, including Beijing, Shanghai and Nanjing. That requires frequent travelling, he said. Another problem in his trade with China is wrong packaging because workers here do not know English and often put clothes in wrong bags, he complained.

Cohen, accompanied by his son, was negotiating with a garment company in Beijing on the last leg of his three-city trip to Shanghai, Nanjing and Beijing. The 74-year-old chairman comes to China every March. "Now I'm placing orders for 1990 that will amount to \$12 million, he said.

"I could buy even more if we didn't have a quota limit. That seriously affected my business last year," he said. The businessman has the confidence to buy two years in advance because, he said, men's fashions do not change as often as women's. However, his company will probably increase its imports by up to 15 per cent this year over last year. Imports from China form 75 per cent of his total overseas purchase. Irving Cohen is one of some 1,000 foreign businessmen who attended the annual trade fair that opened on March 3 and will last till March 11. More than 1,000 varieties of products are displayed and 447 projects are offered for foreign investment in the Chinese capital.

### Urgent steps needed to stem drop in world oil prices

QUITO, March 6, (UPI): Ecuador's oil minister said yesterday his Opec member nation will ask the 13-nation organisation to reduce its production in order to stave off another oil price collapse. Fernando Santos said "urgent" steps were needed to stem the recent drop in world oil prices by more than \$4 a barrel below the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' \$18-a-barrel benchmark price. He suggested that Opec's price panel, which has the authority to recommend an emergency meeting of the full organisation if oil prices deviate significantly from the \$18-a-barrel target, convene soon. Ecuador will ask Opec to lower its oil production to 16 million barrels a day, Santos said.

New York-based Petroleum Intelligence Weekly reported on Monday that Opec appears to have reduced its output by about 500,000 barrels to between 17 million and 17.5 million barrels a day in the last week or so in a bid to halt the price slide. "We are deeply worried by the problem" of falling prices, which is bringing chaos to the international oil market, Santos said.

When Opec's price panel visited Ecuador on Feb 22 and 23, Santos urged the organisation's production committee to hold a meeting on measures to stem the oil price decline. In December, 12 of Opec's 13 members agreed to limit their production to 15.06 million barrels a day for the first half of 1988 in order to maintain the \$18-a-barrel benchmark price. But Iraq, which had greatly exceeded its output quota, refused to join the accord and is believed to be producing about 2.3 million barrels a day. Under the pact, the Opec price panel and production committee are responsible for enforcing adherence to the organisation's pricing and output guidelines. But the December agreement failed to take any substantive action to end surplus production or illegal discounting by member nations.

In 1986, oil prices plummeted by about 50 per cent to the \$15-a-barrel range after Opec flooded the global market in an eight-month pricing war against outside producers.

### Share prices rise steadily

HONG KONG, March 6, (Xinhua): Share prices rose steadily this week thanks to increased investment activities and improved overseas market performance, according to the Sun Hung Kai Research. The Hang Seng index, main gauge of blue chips, went up 88 points over the week to close at 2,472. Sentiment was buoyed on the one hand by the performance of Wall Street, Tokyo and London and on the other hand by the renewed participation by local buying. The 1988-89 budget of the Hong Kong government was favourably received, especially as it favoured the property sector. The new policy lifts the threshold at which the 2.75 per cent stamp duty begins to apply from the present property transactions of 500,000 Hong Kong dollars to 1.5 million Hong Kong dollars.

While most blue chips stood firm, secondaries were reactivated. As a result, the transaction volume increased to 929 million Hong Kong dollars daily average with properties faring best. On the market outlook, the Sun Hung Kai Research said in its weekly review that the market is still technically strong and stands a very good chance to move up higher in current reporting season as quite a few big companies will announce their full earnings this month.

Meanwhile, the Hong Kong Association of Banks has decided not to change the existing deposit interest rate structure for the present. Earlier this year, the association decided to impose negative interest rates on big Hong Kong dollar deposits by March 10, as a means to deter speculative pressure which has built up since November in anticipation of a revaluation of the Hong Kong dollar. Financial Secretary Piers Jacobs said in his 1988-89 budget speech that the government has no intention to alter the linked rate system which pegs the Hong Kong dollar with the US dollar at a rate of 7.80 to one.

## Japanese stock market continues to rebound

TOKYO, March 6, (Kuna): The stock market here continued rebounding today where the bullish market echoed a fine performance of the Japanese economy and improvement of earnings of private investors and trading firms, although caution is being exercised, financial analysts said.

Experts, however, showed some reservations over the latest stock market rally, saying the stock market is closely related to the foreign exchange market.

The US Monetary authorities have been increasing their intervention in the exchange market as they fear further weakening of the dollar, which might cause another drop of share prices of Wall Street, some experts pointed out.

Indications are the United States tends toward tolerating the dollar's decline to a certain level. A report from New York quoted Martin Feldstein, former chairman of the American President's Council of Economic Advisers as saying "let the greenback fall, as it is still too high in trade balance."

Despite the continued rise in

share prices here, experts referred to the "repatriation of funds arising from non-resident sell-offs of Japanese shares in the wake of the Black Monday stock market crash in Wall Street as leading to the dollar-buying moves on the exchange markets."

If non-resident investors scramble for Japanese stocks, they first sell off dollars to purchase stocks, applying pressure on the dollar to weaken on the exchange market, they said.

### Performance

Share prices in the US are not likely to go up so much from the present level in the coming few weeks, in view of the recent performance of the American economy, most experts believe.

They also said that if funds raised from an upsurge of share prices should change hands for speculative purposes, there would arise a danger of another Black Monday in the offing.

Foreign observers are of the opinion that the stocks will continue improving here, reflecting Japan's economic recovery, even though fears are entertained in the US of a possible recession.

The mixed indicators and optimism with respect to the trade numbers continues to support the dollar and with no numbers of any consequence being released next week, we would expect this to be maintained with trading ranges set at DM1.685-

1.705 and Y128-130.

The major surprise of the week was the much sharper than expected record deterioration in the deficit on the current account of the balance of payments which widened in January.

The trade deficit of £1.51 billion was felt to be somewhat distorted due to the introduction of new customs procedures at the beginning of the year and the seaman's ferry strike.

Despite the adverse data releases, the sterling showed continued strength against other major currencies during the week.

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cent in January after rising a revised 0.3 per cent in December and falling a revised 1.1 per cent in November.

Home sales fell 9 per cent in January to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 535,000 units following a revised decrease in December of 6.8 per cent. This was the lowest rate since December 1982 and was a much greater fall than the 1 per cent market forecast.

### Decline

Factory orders fell 0.6 per cent in January to a seasonally adjusted \$212.57 billion. The market had anticipated a slightly higher fall of 1.3 per cent. Most of the</p

Shipping firms reluctant to send vessels to Gulf

## Future prospects could be promising: experts

By Jadranka Porter

HOPEFUL trends in the international commercial shipping and insurance rates, merchant shipping has been subjected to in the war-torn Gulf have left shipping agents in Kuwait with a modest measure of optimism.

They expect another year of reduced business activity but the belief that once the war ends the business will flourish keeps some companies alive.

Bjorn Tonsberg, the departing general manager of Al Ghanim Barber Shipping Company, predicted that 1988 would be no different than 1987. The general picture of Kuwait-bound shipping has been one of steady decline since 1984 with the number of vessels and volume of cargo falling.

## Dropped

The number of containers reaching Kuwait in 1986 and 1987 was the same but the general cargo volume dropped by 15 per cent last year, said Tonsberg.

Kuwait is no longer handling the transit cargo bound for Iraq. The local market has shrunk and many shipping companies were reluctant to send vessels to the Gulf where they may be subject to Iranian interception or attacks.

Freight and premium rates were on the increase and the ship-

ping business in the Gulf has been in a state of depression.

This has prompted shipping agents to demand protection for their vessels in the Gulf which according to Tonsberg will not materialise.

However he is at pains to point out that all cargo sent to Kuwait did arrive in the country.

## Conditions

Peter Wakely, who takes over from Tonsberg, said the Gulf commercial shipping has adapted reasonably well to the adverse conditions. Wakely said Saudi Arabia, where he served for nine years, diverted a lot of its maritime traffic to Jeddah on the Red Sea which caused a severe drop in trade in Damman.

Both experts noted that future prospects could be promising. Nothing will help the shipping business more than an end to the Iraq-Iran war, they say.

It is widely believed that Iraqi ports will be out of function for at least two years after the war and Kuwait can handle the Iraq and possibly even some of Iran bound trade during that and subsequent periods.

But Tonsberg and Wakely see some other positive prospects. Among those is a general increase in the commercial shipping activity worldwide.

"There is generally more cargo movement, the world trade is picking up and so are the freight rates" said Tonsberg.



Al Ghanim Barber Shipping Company hosted a party on Saturday to say good-bye to its departing general manager Bjorn Tonsberg and introduce his successor Peter Wakely. Pictured above is Wakely (right) speaking to the Indian Ambassador N.N. Jha and Tonsberg (second left) in conversation with Atish Sinha, the Indian Embassy Counsellor.

However, the growth in the international shipping business will have no visible effect in the Gulf before the war ends, he added.

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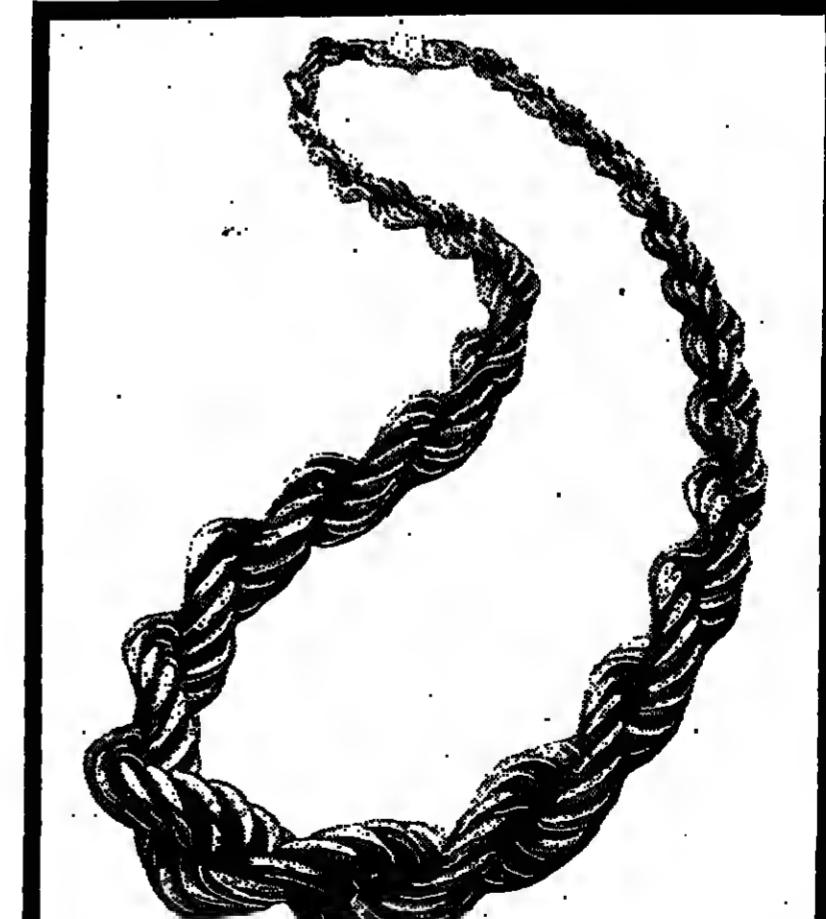
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## SPORTS

Hanika fights back to beat Witvoet

WICHITA, Kan., March 6. (Reuter): Third seed Sylvia Hanika of West Germany dug herself out of a hole for the third straight match and beat little-known Hester Witvoet of the Netherlands 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 to reach the final of the \$100,000 Kansas tennis tournament yesterday.

Hanika will face top seed Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria, who recovered from her marathon quarterfinal victory to dispose of Soviet Svetlana Parkhomenko 6-2, 6-1 in one hour.

Hanika, ranked 19 in the world, has not beaten the eight-ranked Maleeva in three tries.

Maleeva said she had little sleep after Friday night's nearly three-hour struggle over Czechoslovak Jana Novotna.

"It (the semifinal) was hard because I was still tired from last night," said Maleeva. "I didn't have the perfect sleep. Things were going through my mind about the match."

**Quickly**

Hanika, who had to rally to win her last two matches, ran into a red-hot Witvoet and quickly fell behind again.

"There was no much I could do," said Hanika. "She was just hitting winners all over the place. She was making shots out of them, unbelievable situations."

In the second set, Hanika began serving with authority and took control of the match.

"I had troubles with her serve," Witvoet admitted. "It's hard to see whether she's going to play a hard serve or a serve with sidespin. It would have been a dream to play the final," she said.

Hanika said the aggressive 20-year-old forced her to gamble.

"I had to take all my chances to win the match," Hanika said.

### Graf thrashes Maleeva for crown

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 6. (Reuter): Top seed Steffi Graf served badly but easily won her second tournament of the year when she beat Bulgaria's Katerina Maleeva 6-4, 6-1 in the final of the \$200,000 US Women's Hardcourt Championship yesterday.

Graf, the world number one from West Germany, combined power and finesse to overcome her serving difficulty. The fourth-seeded Maleeva, ranked 13th in the world, lasted just over an hour, which is almost twice the time against Graf.

"Today I was trying to put more pace on the shots," said Graf, after winning her first tournament since victory at the Australian Open in January.

"I think she (Maleeva) was playing all right but she could have done more with her shots. My serve was horrible and I will have to work on it," added Graf, who did not play a tournament in the five weeks between titles.

#### Serve

Maleeva appeared to be giving Graf a workout after two opening set breaks against the top seed's serve.

Maleeva came up with her second break to lead 4-3, but Graf broke right back and won the last three straight games.

With the second set level a 1-1 and the third game at deuce, Graf hammered two forehand winners from the baseline to take the lead and never looked back.

The West German teenager broke Maleeva at love, held her serve at 15 and broke the Bulgarian again to take a commanding 5-1 lead, before serving out the match.

"I wasn't playing too well in the first set," said Graf, who collected \$40,000 for her efforts.

### CASH AND AGASSI ELIMINATED

## Becker and Sanchez reach Cup final

INDIAN WELLS, California, March 6. (UPI): Emilio Sanchez of Spain upset No 4 Pat Cash, 6-4, 6-4, yesterday to advance to final match against defending champion Boris Becker at the \$702,500 Newsweek Champions Cup.

Becker, the No. 3 seed playing only his second tournament of the year, used a strong serve to outlast No. 7 Andre Agassi, US 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 in 2 hours and 9 minutes.

Sanchez, the No. 8 seed, usually plays a baseline game but Saturday attacked the net behind a strong serve. Cash, the reigning Wimbledon champion from Australia, committed 26 unforced errors to only 6 for Sanchez.

#### Confident

Sanchez, who had nine aces, recorded the only two service breaks of the match — in the opening game of the first set and the fifth game of the second set — to win in 93 minutes.

"I was quite confident," said Sanchez, who upset No. 2 seed Milosav Mecir in the quarterfinals. Said Cash, "I'm just exhausted."

Sanchez, who groaned when informed that today's final is a best-of-five sets, has lost four of five career meetings with Becker. He was eliminated by the West German in the quarterfinals here last year.

Becker, who had 10 aces to go with nine double-faults, yielded only seven points in six service



Sanchez: upset Cash

games in the final set to withstand the strong challenge from the 17-year-old Agassi.

Hardly tested in his first three matches, Becker jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first set. However, Agassi won the next five games, then closed out the set with an ace

after Becker got to within 5-4.

Becker then evened the match, getting the only break of the second set in the sixth game.

Agassi, who two weeks ago captured the US Indoors in Memphis, Tennessee, for his first Grand Prix title, went ahead 5-4



Becker: made to struggle

in the third set. But Becker held serve, got the crucial break in the 11th game, and completed the victory with a service winner.

Agassi, the youngest opponent Becker ever has faced, was distraught about hitting what appeared to be an easy shot wide

in the critical 11th game of the final set.

The tournament, played before a crowd of 10,500 at the Grand Champions resort located about 20 miles east of Palm Springs, offers \$136,700 to the winner.

### Kalambay beats McCallum to retain title

PESARO, Italy, March 6. (Reuter): Zaire-born Italian Sumbu Kalambay retained his World Boxing Association (WBA) middleweight crown yesterday in the face of a tough challenge from Jamaican Mike McCallum.

The three Latin-American judges unanimously awarded Kalambay, 31, the fight on points after the scheduled 12 rounds.

McCallum, who resigned his junior-middleweight title after three years on top in order to fight middleweight, had never before lost a professional fight.

Kalambay started the bout uncertainly and McCallum, also 31, was able to take the initiative with accurate jabs in the first few rounds. His greater aggression kept Kalambay on the defensive, making the Italian use all his technical footwork to dodge the attack.

#### Began

But Kalambay found his rhythm halfway through the bout and made speed count as he began to take the challenger by surprise with some hard right-hand punches.

By the 10th round American-based McCallum was visibly tiring and Kalambay took advantage with two rights which shook his opponent.

After that the fight belonged to the Kalambay and the strongly partisan crowd set up a defending chant of "Patrizio" the name he has often used since taking Italian citizenship in 1985.

It was Kalambay's first defence since winning the crown last October with an easy victory over America's Iran Barkley. He now has 44 wins and a draw out of 48 professional fights.

"The predictions were against me, but I knew I was well prepared and I've shown I'm a great champion," he said afterwards as he embraced his Italian wife Rosa and four-year-old son Patrick, who watched the fight.

### Norman sails to 8-stroke victory

SYDNEY, March 6. (Reuter): World number one Greg Norman shot a final round of four-round-par 68 to win the inaugural Tournament Players' Championship by eight strokes today.

Norman, who had a hole-in-one in the third round yesterday, won with an 18-under 270 total to beat fellow Australians David Graham and Peter Senior.

#### Signals

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### Biasion wins motor rally



Biasion in action. (Reuter wirephoto)

ESTORIL, Portugal, March 6. (Reuter): Massimo Biasion of Italy, driving a Lancia Integrale, won the Portuguese Motor Rally yesterday after leading from start to finish of the five-day, 2,100-km race.

The Italian clocked an overall time of six hours 44 minutes one second, winning 15 of the 37 special stages.

Compatriot Alessandro Fiorio, driving a Lancia Delta, followed eight minutes 46 seconds behind in second place, just 36 seconds ahead of works team-mate Yves Loubet of France.

"This more than makes up for Monte Carlo when I had to abandon the race," a jubilant Biasion said. "I just hope my luck continues."

## Nets edge Knicks for 3rd straight win

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J., March 6. (AP): Roy Hinson and Tim McCormick scored 20 points apiece and the New Jersey Nets won their third straight game under new coach Willis Reed with a 94-85 victory over the New York Knicks last night.

The Nets, who hadn't won more than two straight all season, broke open a close game by outscoring the Knicks 26-15 in the third period. New Jersey then held off a late New York rally.

The Nets won without their leading scorer and rebounder, Buck Williams, who was out with a strained right hamstring.

With the game tied at 48-48 early in the third quarter, the Nets took the lead for good with eight straight points, six by McCormick and two by Hinson, who had 12 rebounds.

Patrick Ewing led New York with 22 points, but no other Knick had more than 11.

#### Bullets 101, Pistons 97

Michael Jordan scored 21 points in 27 minutes and the Chicago Bulls held Los Angeles to 55 points in the first three quarters en route to a 101-97 victory over the Clippers, who lost their 22nd consecutive road game.

Brad Sellers added 16 points and Sam Vincent 15 for the Bulls, while Mike Woodson had 21 for the Clippers, who lost their fourth straight and 28th in their last 32 games.

Results

Milwaukee	104	Atlanta	101
New Jersey	94	New York	85
Washington	101	Detroit	47
Chicago	100	LA Clippers	76
Portland	125	Golden State	106
Utah	123	San Antonio	106
Denver	115	Seattle	102

Winner here, shot a four-under-par 68 and slipped into third place at 207. Sandy Lyle of Britain shot a five-under-par 67 to move into a tie for fourth place with Jack Nicklaus, Ben Crenshaw, Raymond Floyd and Bruce Lietzke at eight-under-par 208.

"Tonight, I will try to remember all the good last rounds I've had in my career and there have been a lot of them. I'll try to keep a positive outlook," said Wadkins, trying not to appear nervous.

Wadkins birdied three of the first five holes, bogeyed the eighth and then parred all the rest.

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#### Daniel stays ahead after three rounds

KAUAI, Hawaii, March 6. (Reuter): Beth Daniel eagled the final hole to secure a three-stroke lead over four players after the third round of the \$300,000 Women's Golf Tournament here yesterday.

"That was definitely the best shot I hit all day and it certainly made a difference in my score," said Daniel after her two-under-par 207 total.

Daniel hit a 172-yard nine-iron onto the par-five 18th and sank a nine-foot putt to increase her lead.

#### Found

Marci Bozarth, who was alone in second place after two rounds, found herself in a four-way tie for second at five-under-par 211 after an even-par 72 yesterday.

Tied with Bozarth is Japan's Ayako Okamoto, Amy Alcott and Betsy King, who shot a surprising round of six-under-par 66 for her share of second place.

"This week I have putted better and I have worked on my short game," said King, who had six birdies and no bogeys for the day.

Kim Bauer, Elaine Crosby, Rosie Jones, Colleen Walker and South Korea's Ok-Hee Ku were tied for third at 213.

## Italian clubs could rip Forest apart



Clough: is prepared for the worst

The Nottingham Forest manager fears his season could end in traumatic circumstances with his exciting young side ripped apart by plundering Italian clubs.

Forest have reached the quarterfinals of the FA Cup and will probably finish second behind Liverpool in the championship — or winners of Division 1A, considering the one-horse race nature of the League title.

**Allowed**

But Clough would happily end the season without a trophy in return for being allowed to start the 1988-89 campaign with the same team which beat Sheffield Wednesday 1-0 away yesterday.

The result took Forest to within three points of second-placed Manchester United with three games in hand, though Liverpool remained a distant speck on the horizon 20 points in front.

Having fought off Glasgow

Rangers, Arsenal, Tottenham and Manchester United to retain the services of England internationals Stuart Pearce and Neil

Webb, Clough was hit a body blow last week with the news that Italian clubs will be allowed to sign a third foreign player.

Roma are reportedly con-

sidering a £1.5 million (\$2.67 million) bid for Webb as a possible replacement for Polish international Zbigniew Boniek, while Clough's son Nigel has been linked with Pisa.

"We want to keep everyone at

Forest," said Clough, adding

sadly: "But if there's enough money about anyone can be bought."

Webb is young, he's

SJOEBERG RETAINS HIGH JUMP CROWN

## Losch takes European shot put title

BUDAPEST, March 6. (Reuter): Claudia Losch, Olympic women's shot put champion, showed the East Europeans she will again be in force in Seoul this year when she won the European indoor title today.

The 28-year-old West German won the Olympic gold in the absence of the formidable East Europeans, who were absent because of the Soviet-led boycott.

## Absence

Losch, fourth in last year's World Championship, took the European title today in the absence of world gold medalist Natalya Lisovskaya of the Soviet Union.

However, today she relegated East Germany's world bronze medalist Katrin Neimke to third place behind Russian Larisa Peleshenko with a best put of 20.39 metres. Peleshenko finished with 20.23 and Neimke 20.20.

While Losch won gold, her team-mate Caro Thraenhardt woke up in time to find he had been stripped of the bronze medal he



Sjoerberg clears the bar at 2.39 metres. (Reuter wirephoto)

won in yesterday's men's high jump.

Thraenhardt stalked out of the arena during the competition because he thought he had been unfairly treated by an official who said he had exceeded the time allowed to prepare for a jump at the 2.30 metre mark.

The West German returned to the competition at the urging of his coach but Romania later protested that he had con-

tracted the rules of competition by leaving the field during an event.

The protest was upheld today and Thraenhardt disqualified, which led to an immediate counter protest from the West Germans, who maintained that Thraenhardt's concentration had been broken when two runners collided behind him.

The appeals jury again rejected the West Germans' protest.

The long-haired Swede said later he had wanted his world

record back but was well satisfied with winning the gold.

"My third attempt was almost successful," Sjoerberg told reporters. "I was very close."

Britain's Linford Christie clocked 20.79 seconds in the 200 metres today to tie the second fastest time in the event this year.

Christie, who won yesterday's 60-metre dash, set his sights on Bruno Marie-Rose's world record as he geared up for the final in the day.

Frazer's Marie-Rose, who set the record of 20.36 at last year's championships in Lievin, is not competing in Budapest.

The men's 200 metres was one of 18 finals on a heavy last-day programme at the 10,000-seater Budapest Sports Hall.

Silke Moller, better known under her maiden name of Silke Gladisch, came close to breaking the world record in the semifinals of the women's 60-metre dash.

Moller's 7.04 seconds was just four hundredths of a second slower than the two-year-old record set by Nelli Cooman-Fiere of the Netherlands.



Iqbal Rizvi receives the trophy from Ashraf Khan

## Starlite capture Kifco Trophy

STARLITE Cricket Club scored their first victory of the season against Evergreen in the final of the Kifco Trophy to emerge as champions at the KCL ground on Friday.

Evergreen, after having been put in to bat, opened their innings through Ejaz and Bader, who from the start showed little respect to the Starlite bowlers. A double howling change saw Baber lost his wickets to be caught by Zager for 28.

Compile

Inam and Razzak were bowled by Sohail in quick succession but Shabbir along with Ejaz gave some respectability to the score. Both these batsmen were, however, out within 10 runs of each other.

Ejaz was bowled by Zia for 60 while Shabbir was soon after run out. At this stage Evergreen were 143 for 5 and in danger of being bowled out for a low score.

A fighting partnership of 88 runs between G. Haider and Rafiq Butt enabled Evergreen to cross the 200 mark. Eventually Evergreen were able to compile 354 by the 43rd over. Rafiq Butt scored 55.

For Starlite, Qayyum bowled extremely well to claim three wickets for 24 while Sohail got three for 40.

Starlite began their reply through Iqbal Rizvi and Arshad

Shams. While Arshad seemed comfortable against the Evergreen attack, skipper Iqbal seemed to find things difficult and was ultimately bowled for 21.

Evergreen gave Starlite a scare when Rashid Arif and Iqbal Dyllas took the score to 85 before Arshad was lbw to Razzak for 52. Qayyum and Dyllas then started scoring in ones and twos and put up 92 runs before the latter was stumped for 57.

A 49-run partnership between Qayyum and Maqsood then put the game out of Evergreen's reach. Qayyum was out at 226 and soon after Starlite lost two more quick wickets.

Starlite were, however, not threatened by the loss of these quick wickets with Maqsood scoring freely. Maqsood remained unbeaten on 56 and Dyllas hit 57 as Starlite went past the Evergreen total in the 38th over.

Qayyum, who scored 45 after having three wickets, was named Man of the Match for his splendid performance.

Arshad Khan, the general manager of Kifco gave away the prizes to both the teams at the end of the match. He praised the standard of the game but stressed on the need for a better display of sportsmanship.

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## Australia score 5th victory

SYDNEY, March 6. (Reuter): Australia's young cricketers continued to emulate the success of their World Cup winning seniors with a fifth win in a row when they crushed England for 146 with an over to spare.

A hard hit 89 by number three Stuart Law enabled Australia to reach 206 for seven of their 50 overs at Remond and they then dismissed England for 146 with an over to spare.

Medium pace bowler Joe Scuderi took the last three wickets without conceding a run in his final over to finish with five for 27.

England have lost three of their five games and manager Tim Lamb admitted it would be difficult to progress past the preliminary rounds.

The England youngsters must win their final two matches and hope Sri Lanka, New Zealand and India, who are also vying for the fourth semifinal spot, fare badly in their remaining games.

At Loxton, in South Australia, Pakistan cruised to a seven-wicket victory over New Zealand.

The Kiwis scored 198 for seven and Pakistan replied with 199 for three off just 46 overs.

Shane Thomson top scored for the New Zealanders with 56 and Chris Cairns chimed in with hard-hitting 34.

The pick of the Pakistani bowlers were Mushtaq Ahmed with three for 42 and Zulfiqar Butt who took two for 35.

But an opening 92-run partnership kept Pakistan well on target with Shahid Anwar scoring 51 and Basit Ali 47. An unbeaten fourth wicket partnership of 79 completed the task with Imzamul Haq undefeated on 45 and Shahid Nawaz on 43.

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In reply, UCC went past the victory target in the 17th over. Aftab Butt was the top-scorer with an unbeaten 63. Itukhar hit 21 and Asif 16.

Diamond sail past Qaddafi

DIAMOND Cricket Club beat Qaddafi Cricket Club by 150 runs in a friendly match at the Salimiyah ground on Friday.

Diamond, batting first, scored 218 for the loss of six wickets in their 25 allotted overs. Lancy was the top-scorer with an unbeaten 77. The other scorers were Asghar 32, Afzal 23, Ejaz 19, Ajeeb 17, Liqat Ali 11 and Tariq 10.

For Qaddafi, Javaid took two wickets while Mohammed, Naser, Khuzan got one each.

In reply, Qaddafi were all out for 68 runs. Naser scored 23. Liqat Ali took three wickets while Tariq, Rovon and Ajeeb got one each.

## Jansher outplays Jahangir

MADRID, March 6. (Reuter): World champion Jansher Khan outshone Jahangir Khan to a two-hour marathon to win the Spain Open squash final 5-9-6-9-6-9-6 today.

Jansher, who topped fellow-Pakistani Jahangir as the world's top-ranked player after beating him seven times in a row last year, reinforced his supremacy with a brilliant display of retrieving to take the \$7,000 first prize.

Jahangir started well and led throughout a first game that was full of long rallies down the side walls.

## Pakistan bat first in opener

KINGSTON, Jamaica, March 6. (Reuter): Pakistan won the toss and batted against the President's XI at Sabina Park today on the first day of the opening match of their tour of the West Indies.

Pakistan: Imran Khan (captain), Mudassar Nazar, Rameez Raja, Salim Malik, Javed Miandad, Ejaz Ahmed, Amir Malik, Salim Yousuf, Salim Jaffer, Navid Ajoom, Tauseef Ahmed.

President's XI: Roger Harper (captain), Phil Simmons, Carlisle Best, Wayne Lewis, Keith Arthurton, Carl Hooper, Thelston Payne, David Williams, Winston Benjamin, Tony Gray, Ian Bishop.

## Arsenal win

LONDON, March 6. (AP): Arsenal completed its second victory of the English soccer season over its north London rival, Tottenham Hotspur, today with a 2-1 victory at Highbury.

Alan Smith gave Arsenal a second minute lead and, although Clive Allen leveled in the 54th minute, Perry Groves bagged the winner with 15 minutes to go.

## Fay reveals photos of America's Cup contender

LOS ANGELES, March 6. (Reuter): New Zealander Michael Fay revealed photographs of his America's Cup contender in Los Angeles as the yacht was due to be unveiled in New Zealand.

"This is the first time in the world anyone has seen the Kiwi challenger, including the Kiwis," Fay told members of the California Yacht Club at Marina Del Rey, 210 kms north of San Diego, last night.

Fay's boat — 90 feet at the waterline — is the biggest racing yacht the world has seen for 50 years. Named the New Zealander, it was due out of its Auckland shed at about the same time that Fay showed the photographs.

## Costs

The millionaire banker did not answer questions about the costs of the sloop that will take 40 crewmen, upto 6,000 square feet of spinnaker and 18,000 square feet of mainsail.

The New Zealander will be officially launched on March 27 before it is shipped to California to compete for the America's Cup against a contender from the

## Strikers edge BOC for semifinals

UNITED Goan Strikers beat Boys Own Club (BOC) after a penalty shoot-out for a place in the semifinals of the Kuwait Malayalee Samajam Trophy soccer tournament, sponsored by Sana Household, at the Fahad bin Khalifa stadium on Friday.

The 18-year-old champion picked up the pace in the third and stormed ahead 5-0 just six minutes and then 7-0 as Jansher took the tie.

Jahangir fought back to 7-5, but Jansher darted and dived around the court to win the game 9-6 and took just 17 minutes to snatch the last game.

The match went into a tie-breaker after the teams played to a 1-1 draw after normal and extra time with Joseph Salerno scoring for the Strikers and Mickey for BOC.

## Winner

In the shoot-out, BOC scored three goals while Strikers got four. In another match, Vandana Sports beat Eleven Stars 1-0 to reach the quarterfinals. John D'Mello scored the only goal.

In the last game of the tournament on Friday, D'Assisi overcame Weekend Sports Club 1-0. The winner was scored by Saive Rebello in the 6th minute of the first half.

## Schedule for March 11:

Vaodana meet Royal Sporting at 6.30 am, New Goa take on D'Assisi Boys at 8.00 am and Konkan XI face Rising Boys at 9.30 am.

## Rain hits 4th day of England match

WELLINGTON, March 6. (Reuter): The fourth day of the third and final cricket Test between New Zealand and England was abandoned after tea because of rain making it a certainty that the match and the series will be drawn.

Eglaod are 183 for two wickets with Martin Moxon on 81 and captain Mike Gatting on 33 in reply to New Zealand's 512 for six wickets declared.

With only one day's play remaining and a forecast of continuing rain, there is virtually no prospect of a result.

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